

## Convention Theme Is 'Reach Out... And Touch'

By Jim Keith, Chairman  
Committee On Order Of Business

"Reach Out... and Touch..." is the theme for the 143rd session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet at Jackson's First Baptist Church Nov. 14-15.

Against the backdrop of the Bold Mission Thrust this theme, will seek to identify God's call to the church and the church's quest for God. The textual thread tying the two-day meeting together is Mark 1:41: "Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man" (NIV).

Such a theme and text should provide Mississippi Baptists with fertile material for a productive convention.

This is the year in which Baptists in the state will select a new president. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, has now completed his second and final year as leader of the state Baptist convention. His exemplary service has established an excellent foundation for his successor.

A significant feature of this year's meeting will be a presentation of "The Issues We Face." The relationship of church and state has been a vital question since the initial days of American history. In recent years the government

has attempted to define the place and purpose of the church.

The effect of this is now being seriously experienced by many of our Mississippi Baptist churches and institutions. Unless the church responds through appropriate action soon, the potential damage caused by escalating governmental encroachment may become irreversible in effect.

In a special segment of this year's convention, J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, will outline the present areas of governmental infringement upon the Baptist churches and institutions of Mississippi.

Following his introduction of the problem, John Baker, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., will present to the messengers appropriate actions which Baptists must take in response.

This promises to be the most significant hour in the history of Mississippi Baptists.

Many other important decisions will be made in November's gathering of messengers. A new budget of boldness will be presented. Several constitutional and

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## Corps Volunteers Cal

MSC Orientation

ATLANTA (BP) — The first Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Mission Service Corps volunteers to undergo orientation were told they are "pioneers in a great mission thrust."

Twenty-nine persons — ranging from college age to past retirement — underwent the week-long orientation, preparing them for a variety of mission service opportunities, spanning from church starting to college teaching.

"I'm inspired by your witness," said Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. "You are pioneers... you are the beginning of a trickle that will become a great flow of lives being invested in God's service."

Mission Service Corps, a plan to place 5,000 volunteers in mission service by 1982, was adopted by messengers to the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

"Mission Service Corps addresses persons who feel God has called them to service in missions," said David Bunch, coordinator of MSC for the Home Mission Board. "MSC is part of the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust to reach the world for Christ in this century."

"The goal of Bold Mission Thrust and of Mission Service Corps is to evangelize and congregationalize," he continued. "We want to bring people to know Christ as Lord and Savior and to gather them together into congregations to grow and serve."

William G. Tanner, the board's executive director-treasurer, told the volunteers the goal of MSC is "worthy... but the important thing is not just the goal. The important thing is that you are here... that you are willing to go, and that you are doing mission work."

"If it takes 20 years — not just five — for us to reach the goal of 5,000, that will not bother me at all," he declared. "We are creating a channel for people to serve and for mission work to be accomplished."

Tanner, noting MSC was born a year ago in June, said, "By the end of this year (1978) we possibly will have 135 or 140 persons on the field around the world."

"We're looking at over \$800,000 in funds which have been given and pledged. We're looking at the lives of 130-plus people invested in mission work. That would not have happened without the impetus of this program."

Tanner told the volunteers there would be times in which they would be "... upset... You're gonna crawl the walls and bawl. But you will not be bored... The opportunities you will have are real. They're not busy work for the third grade. The opportunities are credible, verifiable, viable needs you will be filling."

Bunch told the volunteers 57 persons currently serve on the field through MSC. "By the first of the year, we anticipate there will be some 100 MSC volunteers serving in home mission positions, and the Foreign Mission Board will have approximately 35 persons assigned, or ready for assignment," he said, repeating a report made earlier to the SBC Executive Committee by Bunch and Lewis Myers, Foreign Mission Board MSC coordinator.

Orientation for the Home Mission Board volunteers included three primary areas, Bunch said: "Personal growth, evangelism or personal witnessing and congregationalizing through the local church." Training sessions were conducted by Home Mission Board staffers.

During the orientation banquet, volunteer Carl

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## Mississippi Baptist Convention

# SBC President Allen Heads Convention Roster

Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, will be one of the featured speakers at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 13 to 15 in Jackson.

According to Jim Keith, chairman of the committee on order of business, Allen will speak during the Wednesday morning session at 11:15. Other messages to precede that of Allen will include the address by the president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Robert L. Hamblin, on Tuesday morning and the annual convention sermon by Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, on Tuesday afternoon. Hamblin is pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and will be concluding his second term in the office.

### Wednesday Afternoon

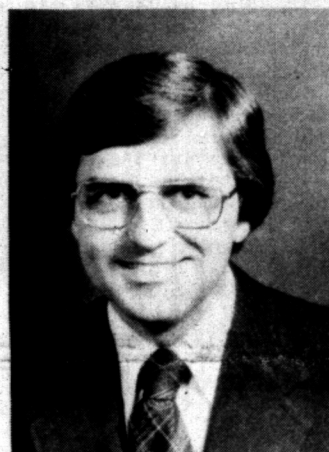
On Wednesday afternoon the message will be delivered by Keith Parks, director of the Mission Support Division of the Foreign Mission Board. The concluding message of the Convention on Wednesday evening will be by Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Richardson, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. Before accepting this pastorate Fant was professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary.

A special feature during this year's convention will deal with The "Problems We Face in the Issue of Church and State," Keith said. This hour-long feature will have J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, discussing "The Infringement of the State" and John W. Baker of Washington, D. C., associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, speaking on "The Response of the Church."

Bible Treasure speakers will be heard at each of six of the seven sessions of the convention. Bill Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, will be the initial speaker on Tuesday morning. George Thornton, Kosciuszko attorney, will be the Tuesday afternoon speaker; and Paul Brooks, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will speak on Tuesday evening. The Wednesday speakers will

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McKeever



Keith



Kelly



Hamblin

## C.L.U.B.S. Protests Bible Study Ban

By Celeste Loucks

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (BP) — The issue was C.L.U.B.S. — Constitutionally Lawful Use of Bible in Schools.

About 50 young people and adults carrying placards and wearing sandwich-board signs marched around the gleaming Liberty Pole and to the Civic Center Plaza in downtown Rochester, N. Y.

Earlier this year, the Buffalo Board of Education denied students in three schools a meeting place for a voluntary, before-school Bible club. A lower court upheld that decision.

On Sept. 8, students led by Southern Baptist inner-city missionary, Byron Lutz, appealed that decision on the basis that their rights of freedom of speech and public forum had been abridged. A panel of four judges in the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, heard the case: *Trietley v. Buffalo Board of Education*, and will hand down a decision in November.

The students are prepared to take their petition on to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary.

Fred Cox, an appellant in the case and a sophomore at Burgard High School in Buffalo, was one of eight students who began meeting for 15 minutes each morning before school for Bible reading and prayer. Teachers, ranging from Catholic to Baptist, voluntarily met with members of the interdenominational Bible club.

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## "Show And Tell" Committee At Work

"Show and Tell" about Volunteer Missions is the subject being discussed above by a William Carey College committee planning the gathering to take place Oct. 12, from 6-9 p.m. on the Hattiesburg campus. The program will involve delegations from many churches in South Mississippi who have worked in Bold Mission projects during the past year. Left to right: David Hulsey, Mike Gustine, JoLaurin McDonald, Jim Beck, and Beverly Thames. Seated are Richard Davis, and Marjorie Rowden. The program is open to all mission-minded folk who would like to share personal experiences or investigate volunteer mission possibilities, according to Davis, minister of youth, Temple, Hattiesburg, chairman of the project.

## Brogan Inauguration Planned In Jackson

The inauguration of Richard A. (Dick) Brogan as president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary is set for Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church, 619 Farish Street, Jackson.

Brogan succeeds T. B. Brown who retired following a stroke. The seminary is cooperatively operated by a trustee board elected from black and white Baptist conventions in the state. It has a central center in Jackson and 22 extensions across the state.

Mrs. Alma Barnes, assistant director of Sophia Sutton Baptist Assembly will lead the opening prayer and Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will read the Scripture.

The host pastor, Hickman Johnson, who is also chairman of the seminary trustees, will offer a welcome and recognition of guests. R. E. Willis, pastor of College Hill Missionary Baptist Church will speak to the occasion.

Special music will be by the Farish Street Choir and by Dan Hall of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board music department.

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, will introduce speaker Emmanuel McCall, of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. McCall's department, the Department of Cooperative Ministries

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Brogan

## FBC, Jackson Tops State CP Giving

First Baptist Church, Jackson, led all churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention in total Cooperative Program gifts for the period of Sept. 1, 1977, to Aug. 31, 1978, according to a report released by the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

John Alexander, director of the department, said the \$170,000 given by the church during the year probably was the largest total Cooperative Program gift in history by any church in the state.

Two other churches were above \$100,000 for the year. They were Broadmoor Church, Jackson, with

\$147,622 and First Church, Columbus, with \$141,146.

Just below the \$100,000 mark was First Church, Yazoo City, with \$94,099.

The remainder of the top 10 in total gifts were First Church, Starkville, \$88,238; First Church, Grenada, \$86,221; First Church, Columbia, \$85,984; First Church, Vicksburg, \$73,390; First Church, Hattiesburg, \$72,251; and First Church, Greenville, \$69,773.

Ebenezer Church in Mississippi Association was the leading church in per capita giving through the Cooperative Program. The 79 resident members of the church averaged giving \$108 each through the missions giving program. Prentiss Church, Prentiss, with 550 resident members, was close behind with \$99 for each member through the Cooperative Program. The third place church was First Church, Yazoo City, with 984 resident members, which registered an average \$96 in missions giving.

The others in the top 10 for per capita giving were First Church, Columbus, 1,587 resident members, \$89; New Concord Church, Jasper Association, six resident members, \$85; First Church, Leland, 704 resident members, \$84; First Church, Corinth, 663 resident members, \$82; Berwick Church in Mississippi Association, 27 resident members, \$75; First Church, Grenada, 1,263 resident members, \$68; and First Church, Columbia, 1,287 resident members, \$67.

Parkway Church, Jackson, was the church that increased its Cooperative Program giving by the greatest amount during the year. This church, with 2,796 resident members, increased its giving to cooperative missions by \$40,119. Just about half that amount in increased giving to missions was the record of the second place church, First Church, Jackson, with a sizeable amount at \$21,567. This church has 4,502 resident members. In

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GOOD NEWS  
MISSISSIPPI

## Sophia Sutton Site Of Witness Training

Plans and commitments for "Good News Mississippi" simultaneous revivals throughout the state in April of 1979 were the results last week of a steering committee meeting for the Bold Mission Thrust effort.

Presidents from five black conventions were present for the session along with representatives of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board.

The simultaneous revivals are planned for April 1979. Churches all across the state which are affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention are committing themselves to participation in the "Good News" crusade, according to Roy Collum, director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and a member of the steering committee.

In addition, several of the black conventions in the state are working toward involving their churches in the effort at the same time.

Immediate plans call for witnessing training to take place Dec. 7 and 8 at Sophia Sutton Assembly near Prentiss. Each of the conventions will be asked to enlist 10 persons to attend this training session in order to be able to be used throughout the state training others in witnessing training.

Plans were discussed for financial and promotional arrangements and for bulletin inserts and scripture portions. It was noted that the American Bible Society has agreed to provide several pieces of material. These will include bulletin inserts, information on "Good News Mississippi," and copies of the Gospel of John.

A kick off rally for the simultaneous revivals will be held March 23 in the City Auditorium in Jackson. Speakers will be W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, and Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Baptist Church in Dallas. An integrated choir will be under the direction of Larry Black, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and Calvin Thomas, minister of music at Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and co-chairman of the steering committee, opened the committee meeting with devotional remarks. He noted that 974,787 people in Mississippi are unsaved. That is 43.97 percent of the population, he said. The black population, he added, is 37 percent of the total.

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# Declining Dollar Strains Overseas Mission Work

By Anita Bowden and Ruth Fowler  
RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Nine men at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board anxiously watch as the U.S. dollar bounces up and down on foreign exchange markets. It's budget time, and they're concerned.

Eight of them are area secretaries, responsible for balancing the wants and needs of the various missions in their area with available funds. The ninth, Winston Crawley, is director of the overseas division and the one responsible for calculating how much the others have to juggle.

Each year the juggling act becomes more difficult as inflation and dollar devaluation stretch Southern Baptist mission dollars tighter and tighter.

This year special consideration was given to countries where the dollar declined 10 percent or more in the past 12

months because of devaluation. For the first time, a figure amounting to one half the dollar value lost in each of the 20 affected countries was skimmed off the top of the overseas operating budget. This means that before the overall budget was divided among the eight areas, \$516,200 was marked for distribution among the hardest-hit countries.

Of those 20 countries, Switzerland lost the most ground, with 55 percent more money required in the 1979 budget to provide the same number of francs secured with the 1978 budget.

Japan was the second hardest-hit, requiring 46 percent more money in 1979 just to match 1978 purchasing power. That means \$456,216. That doesn't include funds needed to maintain missionary salaries and support or for capital outlays.

The special consideration given

Switzerland, Japan and the other 18 countries still leaves their area secretaries looking for ways to make up the other half of their dollar devaluation loss. Those funds in Japan will have to come from the other countries in the area, says George H. Hays, area secretary for East Asia. "And that means no increases for some countries and only slight increases for the others," he says.

National Baptists in Spain agreed to a decrease in Southern Baptist subsidy and in Italy a publishing house is being closed which will make more funds available for Switzerland, says J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia. "Some gifts have come from European Baptists," he says, "but basically we're making drastic efforts to economize. All the missions have been urged to eliminate all 'fat' from their budgets."

## Missionary Efforts Continue In Midst Of Beirut Fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon continue to work in spite of renewed fighting between Christian militia and Syrian peace-keeping forces.

In a telephone report, missionary Mabel Summers told J. D. Hughey, SBC Foreign Mission Board secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, that church services are continuing and power, water and telephone services are still operating.

During the heaviest fighting of Beirut's more than two-year civil war, utilities were not always working. During that period, people at times could not leave their homes to meet at church.

Beirut is divided into two main sectors and occupied by three military groups.

The Muslim sector contains the remains of Beirut's once-thriving tourist industry, the main business section,

the airport and the Palestinian refugee camps — a major point of contention during the civil war. Controlled by Muslim leftist forces, this sector borders the sea and controls much of the shipping industry.

The Beirut Baptist School and housing for its missionary personnel sit in the Muslim sector. This sector has been relatively free of fighting because the primary trouble is between Christian rightist militia and the Syrian peace-keeping forces. The Syrian forces are located throughout Beirut.

The other sector is the Christian community which reaches back into the hills and surrounding villages and stretches to the foot of the Lebanese mountains. In this area, composed mainly of smaller businesses and residences, Southern Baptists have a seminary campus. The publications and broadcast ministries, which continue to function, have headquarters at

the seminary. Missionaries assigned to these ministries live at the seminary or nearby.

The seminary itself has not come under fire in this last round of fighting even though it is located in the Christian sector where most of the fighting has occurred. The seminary and missionary housing are nearer the mountains and much of the fighting has been in the border area of the two sectors.

The primary danger for missionaries lies in traveling from one sector to another. But such travel has been kept to a minimum.

A Baptist church was bombed earlier in the renewed fighting and several thousand people have been left homeless in the most recent skirmishes. Southern Baptist missionaries and local Baptists are involved in relief work which ranges from providing survival necessities to rebuilding homes.

## Jaroy Weber Retires From Pastorate Joint Committee Opposes New Communications Act

LUBBOCK, Texas (BP) — Jaroy Weber, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has resigned from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, on the advice of his physician.

Weber, 57, said he will take early retirement because of three severe coronaries a year ago which caused extended hospitalization at that time.

During his five years as pastor of the large Lubbock church, he has continued as emphasis on evangelism and church growth which has resulted in 3,732 additions to the membership, expanded facilities and a \$1.6 million annual increase in budget.

A native of Louisiana, Weber has served in numerous denominational responsibilities on the local, associational, state and national levels. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years, 1975-1976, and is also a former president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. He currently serves on the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance.

Silver Spring, Md. (RNS) — The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State has called on President Jimmy Carter to end the practice of naming a personal envoy to the Pope. Andrew Lee Gunn, in a letter to the President, urged him to "ignore the reported request" of New York's Gov. Hugh Carey and Rep. Robert Giannino (D-Conn.) that the post be upgraded to the rank of full ambassador.

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs took action on a number of items related to domestic and international issues, honored retiring director of information services W. Barry Garrett, and elected as its new chairman Gideon K. Zimmerman, executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference.

The Baptist Joint Committee is the public affairs agency of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, with offices in Washington, D. C.

Among actions taken during the agency's semiannual meeting were the following:

—Commended President Carter both for his leadership at the Camp David summit meeting on the middle East, and for his stated opposition to tuition tax credits.

—Authorized the staff to monitor religious liberty developments in Israel, Turkey, Egypt and the Soviet Union;

—Appointed a task force to examine the effects on churches of the new law on age discrimination in employment;

—Directed the staff to support legislation restricting interstate and foreign commerce which exploits children;

—Opposed legislation amending the Federal Communications Act of 1934 which does not include adequate provision for the concept of "public interest" in broadcasting;

—Authorized the staff to act to nullify the effect of an Internal Revenue Service ruling which threatens non-profit groups with loss of tax exempt status if they publish the voting re-

cords of political candidates;

—Asked the staff to try to set up a meeting with President Carter on church problems with the IRS;

—Opposed the Department of Labor's ruling requiring parochial schools to pay unemployment insurance state taxes; and

—Condemned government funding of solar energy demonstration projects in churches or church-related schools.

Garrett, who served as information director for 21 years and founded the Washington bureau of Baptist Press, was presented with a check and a book of letters at a luncheon attended by Baptist Joint Committee members and representatives of Baptist Press and the Southern Baptist Press Association. He had announced his intention to retire at age 63 this summer.

Zimmerman, named as new chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee, has previously served as chairman of the agency's finance and personnel committees. Elected first vice chairman was Elizabeth J. Miller, secretary of the office of Issue Development, American Baptist Churches in the U. S. A. The new second vice chairman is Melvin G. Cooper, executive director of the state Ethics Commission of Alabama. Named secretary was Dorothy Parrott, head of the Christian Social Action Committee for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

The agency's governing body also chose Oct. 2-3, 1979 as the dates for the 17th Religious Liberty Conference here under the theme of Human Rights in International Affairs.

## WMU Director Reflects On National Consultation

### "A Big Step Toward Change In Policies For Employing Women"

By Anne McWilliams

Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, was one of 300 who attended the recent Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations. The meeting, held in Nashville, was a first-of-its-kind.

Change is occurring, the conferees agreed. Women are hearing calls from God to serve in roles that are nontraditional.

"Women who came to make themselves heard at this Consultation are not troublemakers," Miss Patterson observed. "They are honestly seeking places where they may serve."

Nearly half of those present at the meeting were denominational employees and board members. Many of them were personnel officers and policy makers. This was by design, according to Catherine Allen, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, who chaired the conference. The rest were a mixture of traditional homemakers, retired women, "Christian feminists," church staff members (male and female), seminary students (male and female), a few male pastors. More than half the registrants were women.

Up to now, few vocational opportunities have been available for women in high managerial places on boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, Miss Patterson pointed out.

Constructive Atmosphere  
"Most of the men who came to the Consultation listened, I believe, with open minds," she said. Agency heads pledged more sensitivity to the professional needs of women.

"This meeting may be the first big step toward a change of employment policies concerning women," she added.

"The meeting was enlightening to me," she said, "for I heard ideas and views I had not heard expressed in Mississippi. Yet there was no hostility or anger. The atmosphere was healthy and constructive. The speakers were frank and candid, but willing to listen to each other's views."

Colleges and seminaries have many women students enrolled now who feel they have been called of God to church-related vocations. Yet there seems to be a gap between their expectations and the availability of jobs.

Young women at the Consultation were saying, "God has called me to teach" or "God has called me to be a chaplain." "I am preparing myself to serve where I believe God wants me, but where will my service be?"

One young woman speaker said she feels called to teach theology in a seminary. Representatives of seminaries answered her by saying, "So far, few women have been equipped with the theological training necessary to teach in the seminary."

Miss Patterson said, "When that woman gets her doctorate in theology in a year or so, I wonder if she will be allowed to teach, or if these men at the seminary will find other reasons why she cannot."

Biblical Perspective  
They may ask then, "Can women teach men?" and quote Paul's writings to say they can't.

Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., told the audience in Nashville that he worships Jesus Christ and not the Apostle Paul.

Stagg and his wife, Evelyn, led daily studies on the biblical perspective of women.

"Paul's writings are often used to limit the role of women," he said, "but Jesus liberated women when he liberated the human race."

Stagg was careful to point out that Jesus did not disaffirm women's traditional roles. He said that affirming women as human beings does not mean such traditional roles as wife and mother are being disaffirmed.

"Jesus appeared first to women following the resurrection," he said. "He gave Mary Magdalene the responsibility to inform the apostles, including Cephas, that he is not dead, but alive. The risen Christ commissioned a woman to tell the basic tenet of the Christian faith, that He is alive. Jesus had women instructing men."

Layman Speaks  
In the meeting, people of every persuasion, concerning women's roles in the church, had a chance to speak. Fewer traditionalists spoke, perhaps, because they are satisfied with things as they are.

Wallei Reitzer, Southern Baptist layman from Washington, D. C., said he came to present the traditionalist viewpoint — and said "in home, church and society women should be subordinate to men."

He spoke against WMU: "This women's movement started at WMU," he said. "The women's organizations started to encroach on the work of the church when they started asking to be on church councils and be involved in decision-making."

Miss Patterson said, "He's wrong in his idea about the WMU and the church council. The WMU did not ask to be on the council. Because the WMU is one of the program areas of the church, the WMU director automatically becomes a member of the church council."

Ordination  
Though discussion of ordination was not one of the purposes of the Consultation, the topic repeatedly came up. About two dozen ordained women were present. Miss Patterson said that she agreed with Frank Stagg and with Sarah Frances Anders of Louisiana and served others that a closer look needs to be taken at the practice and understanding of ordination in general, not just a look at ordination of women.

Trustees  
Participants at the Consultation were urged by several Southern Baptist agency heads to work through the denominational political system to influence the appointment of more women as trustees.

"The climate toward more women trustees is changing but not very fast," said Carol Weatherford, WMU executive director, SBC.

Six out of 69 members of the SBC Executive Committee are women. Four agencies — Historical Commission, Christian Life Commission, Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board — have trustee boards made up of at least 20 percent women.

"In Mississippi, I would like to see the Committee on Boards appoint more women to the SBC boards and agencies," Miss Patterson said.

Only four women serve on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Woman's Missionary Union historically has been the only route for women to make achievements in denominational management professions. Missions has been the major avenue of "ministerial" professional jobs for women. The picture may be changing, though, and Miss Patterson said she believes these will not be the only routes in future.

## State Gifts Tally Ahead Of Budget

Mississippi Baptists finished the first nine months of this year \$97,260 ahead of the Cooperative Program budget for the year and \$649,454 ahead of the same period of a year ago.

Figures released by the office of Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, show that total gifts for the year from the Mississippi Baptist churches through the denomination's Cooperative Program have been \$6,574,260. This is to be compared with a budget goal for the nine-month period of \$6,477,000 and total income for the same period of 1977 of \$5,924,806. This is a 10.9 percent increase for the year to date. Compared

with the total budget of \$8,636,000 for the year, the receipts for September bring the budget to 76.1 percent of the total.

The September gifts from the churches amounted to \$698,574, Kelly said. This is to be compared with \$720,117 for September of 1977 and is \$21,543 less than last year's figure for the month.

Kelly pointed out that in order for the budget for the year to be met the average monthly gifts total would need to be \$719,666. Thus far this year the average per month has been \$730,473.

"This is an indication that Mississippi Baptists are continuing to be concerned with getting the job done on the missions fields," Kelly said. "In these days of Bold Mission Thrust we must continue to keep up a solid support of our missions endeavors or we will not be able to accomplish the task that we have set before ourselves. This is a positive indication that Mississippi Baptists are going to continue to furnish that support."

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist voluntary system of a unified budget for financing its total program of missions work around the world and all of the supportive efforts.



New officers of Campers on Mission, left to right: John Mattox, secretary-treasurer, Biloxi; Ralph Henson, vice president, Meridian; Golden Mason, co-chaplain, Ruth; Bob Leavell, co-chaplain, Leland; Bart Hayden, representative-at-large, Aberdeen; and Sid Cruthirds, president, Ocean Springs.

## Campers On Mission Hold Fall Campout

The Mississippi Chapter of Campers on Mission met Sept. 29-Oct. 1, at Sleepy Hollow Campground near Houston with 43 family units attending.

The total of 125 people attending the

Christian camping meeting included 10 units which read of the meeting in the Baptist Record.

James Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, spoke to the group Saturday night with Hemp Valentine, minister of music and education at First Church, Aberdeen leading in music.

The COM group had a conference on camp music led by Dan Hall of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff and a conference on campground ministry led by Roger Dorsett, director of missions for the Monroe association.

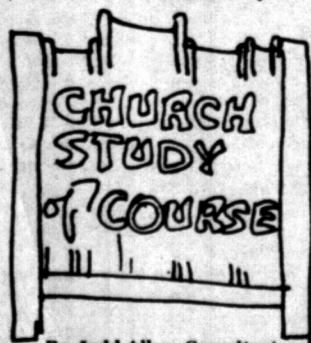
Bob Leavell, co-chaplain from Leland, led the Sunday morning worship services with his wife teaching the Sunday School lesson.

The group elected officers and set March 16-18, 1978 as the date of their next rally. All Mississippians interested in using camping as a Christian witness are invited to participate in activities of Campers on Mission.

## Fargo Story Clarification

The Baptist Record, in its Sept. 28 issue, reported a story about mission work in Fargo, N. D. The article reported that television spots and newspaper ads were to be used to advertise November Bible studies. The article said, "Individuals have already contributed \$55,000 to cover the cost of these."

Chuck Wilkerson of Fargo reports that only about \$12,000 had been given to pay for advertising. But that \$50,000 had been pledged toward a new church building. No money for buildings or salary has actually been raised.

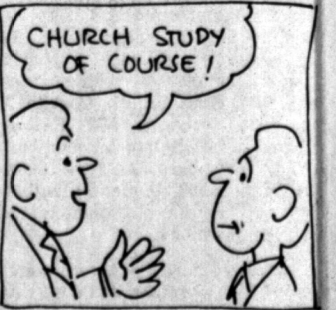


By Judd Allen, Consultant  
Sunday School Department  
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# Mid-Air Collision Prompts Baptist Ministry

By Don Hepburn and Polly McNabb

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (BP) — When a giant passenger-laden Boeing jet collided with a small plane sending flaming fragments to a populous residential area in San Diego, several Southern Baptists joined relief efforts.

Officials report at least 151 persons were killed, including a Southern Baptist airline stewardess, Jane Wyle-Stitz, 30, a member of First Baptist Church of Del Cerro in La Mesa, Calif. Miss Wyle-Stitz was not working on the ill-fated Flight 182 of Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) but was a passenger along with 38 other airline employees. As with many of the victims, officials could not recover Miss Wyle-Stitz' body. A memorial service was planned at the La Mesa church.

A 74-year-old Southern Baptist Sunday School teacher was an eye witness to the crash and watched in horror as the planes' wreckage plummeted to within four houses of where she stood. Mildred Alexander was out in her

front yard watering the lawn. "At first everything appeared normal, then I saw smoke and the plane exploded. I cried, Oh, God, Oh, God," she said, explaining that she wasn't being profane but was calling on God to help. The plane barely missed her three-story home.

While Mrs. Alexander moved about the neighborhood consoling panicked neighbors, police and fire and other rescue personnel raced to the normally quiet neighborhood, now in a state of chaos. Staff members of First Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, and the San Diego Baptist Association also moved in to provide assistance.

Charred bodies lay in the streets and atop the houses, while looters stole from the dead and ransacked houses struck by the flaming jet fuel. Residents wandered in disbelief.

Mrs. Alexander, after trying to calm several women and children who were in the street at the time of the crash,

went to another neighbor with a history of emotional problems. The moment she walked in the neighbor cried, "How could God let a thing like this happen?" Mrs. Alexander had to draw on all her Christian faith resources but never lost her calm as she consoled victims of the tragedy.

Don Brown, pastor, and Hughes Davis, minister of education, First Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, first learned of the tragedy over the radio when a plea for help was made for food and refreshments for the hundreds of rescue personnel. Brown gave Davis \$100 in church funds to buy refreshments which he delivered to a Salvation Army disaster center at the crash site.

L. G. Chaddick, a Christian social ministries worker for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, also went to the crash site to determine ways Southern Baptists and their agencies could provide assistance.

"This was an unusual kind of disaster," Chaddick said. "There are no wounded, no injured, no survivors. All that remained was the task of cleanup and burying the dead."

Within hours of the tragedy, Chaddick along with Jerry Brumelow, director of church services for the San Diego Baptist Association, huddled with Red Cross and Pacific Southwest Airlines officials.

"It was quite evident that officials were at a loss as to how to do the followup," Chaddick reported. But he insisted that area pastors could provide counseling for the many families who lost a relative in the crash.

Another Southern Baptist who found himself at the heart of the crash's tragic aftermath was Gary Kissel, a member of First Baptist Church of Del Cerro, and a PSA official, who became responsible for coordinating assistance to the victims' families. He learned of the offer of Baptists to provide whatever assistance they could and quickly accepted. Kissel told the ministers, "You are a comfort to me

personally just by you being here."

Kissel agreed that trained counselors were needed to assist the victims' families. He suggested Chaddick check into the Sheraton Hotel, where PSA housed all the families of the victims, to be on call for counseling.

Chaddick found that airline employees were relieved that a "resident minister" was present. Within the first several hours after reporting to the hotel, he was called upon to provide counseling to a number of family members.

Pastors of area Baptist churches were also asked to be available until all the families checked out of the hotel.

Although no stranger to death counseling, Chaddick found that this tragedy did bring its own special trauma. "These families are having extra difficulty because there is no body to relate to, only fragments and charred remains," he said. One family member directed PSA officials to ship an empty coffin back to the funeral

home because "that's all we have to show."

Within 48 hours of the worst air disaster in U.S. aviation history, the men's ministry department (Brotherhood) of the California Baptist Convention was developing followup relief efforts with Red Cross officials.

Edd Brown, director of men's ministry, reported that a great deal of assistance will be needed to help the people whose homes were destroyed or damaged by the aircraft wreckage and the ensuing flames.

"Most of these people are elderly and will need help in relocation and starting new homes," he said. "Others who will want to return to the neighborhood will need building assistance."

Brown also noted that Red Cross officials want to bypass as much red tape as possible to help the people get resettled. "We will be working with them through the local Baptist association to provide whatever assistance is necessary," he explained.



Roselle

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## Students To Vote \$50,000 Budget

A \$50,000 student missions budget is the top order of business for the annual Baptist Student Convention meeting in Jackson, Oct. 20-21.

The money, if approved by the students who attend the convention from 26 colleges and universities in Mississippi, would come from gifts from the students themselves.

The \$50,000 would go for support of at least 59 Mississippi students who would serve in student summer missions at home and abroad. The summer missionaries are appointed each year by a committee of students and campus ministers.

Approved places of service are for four students in foreign fields, 52 places in home missions, and three places of service in Mississippi.

The Mississippi Department of Student Ministries requested 60 places of service from the Home Mission Board and 15 from the Foreign Mission Board. On that basis, the \$50,000 budget was set.

Some of the missions money goes to Baptist Student Unions which plan individual mission projects and trips. The money covers part of their expenses.

Principal speakers for the student convention which meets at Broadmoor and Woodland Hill Baptist Churches include Jimmy Allen, Ralph Winders, Curtis Burge, Charles Roselle, and Chester Swor. Also on hand will be William Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., who will be Bible study leader.

Allen is pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Winders is director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Student Work which sponsors the convention. This will be Winders' last convention before his retirement next year.

Burge is pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenwood. Roselle is secretary of National Student Ministries in Nashville. And Swor is a youth lecturer and author from Jackson.

The sessions begin at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20 at Broadmoor Baptist Church, 787 E. Northside Drive. The last session begins Sunday morning at 8:45 at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, 3327 Old Canton Road.

## Jackson County Heads Deaf Awareness Week

Jackson County Baptist Association conducted a Deaf Awareness Week Sept. 13-17 with a number of activities at First Church, Pascagoula.

Main speaker was Rodney Webb, assistant director of the Department of Language Missions, Southern Baptist Home Missions Board, Atlanta, and former staffer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

A Deaf Awareness Jamboree featured display of arts, crafts and hobbies of local deaf families. Also included were a slide presentation and puppet show.

Members of the deaf ministry spoke at various functions and appeared on a television show. Participants included Mrs. Margaret Moffett, chairman of the deaf ministry; Mrs. Rachael Patterson, church interpreter; T. H. Barron, a deaf deacon; and Paul Vandercook, director of language missions for Jackson County Baptists.



Awards are presented to Jeffrey Williams (left) and John Langworthy by Richard Alford, who heads up the language missions program for Mississippi Baptists. The young interpreters were recognized during Deaf Awareness Week at their church, First Baptist, Pascagoula. Also recognized were Melanie Wilkinson and Susan McMurray.



Norman Patterson and Mrs. Marvin Moffett received "Praying Hands" pins. Patterson, an interpreter who teaches a deaf Sunday School class, and Mrs. Moffett, chairman of the church's deaf ministry, are members of a signing choir which performed.

(Photos courtesy Gary Holland, Mississippi Press, Pascagoula)

## SBC President Allen Heads Convention Roster

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be James Travis, Jackson, chaplain at University Medical Center. Paul Vandercook, director of the seamen's ministry on the Gulf Coast; and Penrose St. Amant, retired president Baptist Theological Seminary, Switzerland.

Also at each of the six sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday Clint Nichols, professor of music at New Orleans

### Convention Theme

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bylaw changes will be introduced. And the voice of Mississippi Baptists will be expressed through the many resolutions to be adopted.

A challenging theme, New Leaders, threatening issues, and key decisions characterize the 1978 Mississippi Baptist Convention. That should be enough to entice every concerned Baptist in the state to be a part of this pivotal moment in our history.

One month remains before we meet!

leans Seminary, will present vocal solos.

### Bold Mission Thrust

On Tuesday evening Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will lead in the presentation of Bold Mission Thrust as it relates to Mississippi Baptists during the Tuesday evening session. This will be an hour and 15 minute feature.

There will be seven sessions with six of them being at First Church, Jackson. The other session, which actually will be the opening session, will be at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson. This session will take only about 10 minutes, according to Keith, but will satisfy convention constitution requirements concerning meetings and will allow the convention to end on Wednesday evening instead of going until Thursday noon.

The theme for the convention will be "Reach Out . . . And Touch . . ." The theme statements will be completed at each of the six major sessions. Beginning with Tuesday morning the focal points for the theme will be "For the Saviour," "For the World," "For the

Goal," "In the Name of Jesus," "For the Sake of the World," and "For the Kingdom of God."

### Other Officers

In addition to Hamblin the other officers of the convention are Truitt Roberts, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Starkville, first vice-president; B. B. McGee, retired pastor who now lives at Sturgis, second vice-president; Joe Odle, Jackson, retired editor of the Baptist Record, recording secretary; and Paul Harwood, associate recording secretary.

Odle will fly to Jackson from Hawaii, where he is interim pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor.

Besides Keith, who is from Gulfport, those on the committee on order of business are Graham Smith, Hattiesburg; Louis Smith, Canton; Glenn Sullivan, Clarksdale; Charles Stubblefield, Ecru; and Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland.

There is no constitutional requirement limiting the number of terms a president may serve. For a number of years each president has limited himself to two terms.

## Sophia Sutton Site —

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The other co-chairman of the steering committee is R. S. Porter of Columbia, president of the East Mississippi Baptist Convention. Other convention presidents present were David Matthews, Indianola, president of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention; James Wilson, Tupelo, president of the General Progressive State Baptist Convention of Mississippi; Coleman Crawford Jr., of Memphis, president of the

North Mississippi B. M. E. Convention; and H. L. McKnight, McComb, president of the Southeast Mississippi State Convention.

In addition to Collum others present included L. O. Caldwell of Shannon, Donald Johnson of the Home Mission Board; N. R. Porter of Waynesboro, Don McGregor of Jackson, Dan Morton of Indianola, Chester Vaughn of Jackson, N. T. Green of Memphis, and Richard Brogan of Jackson.

## Beverly Sutton Will Lead Stuidact Workshop Nov. 4 At Clinton

Beverly Sutton, Acteens consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will lead a Stuidact Workshop for Acteens leaders and Acteens, in Clinton on Nov. 4.

The workshop will be held at Morrison Heights Church. It will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m., according to Becky Briscoe, Acteens consultant for Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Briscoe said that this will be a "how to" workshop to give resources

and encouragement to the Acteens and their leaders in Stuidact.

"Stuidact is the individual achievement plan in Acteens," she explained. "The name is a combination of two words which are related to Acteens work — study and action. The plan was designed to guide and to develop skills and abilities in Acteens members. It provides a way for Acteens to express interests as individuals over and above that which they experience in a group."

The cost of the workshop will be \$2 for each person, for lunch and drink.

Miss Sutton, the guest speaker, was born in Austin, Texas and graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College and

Southwestern Seminary.

Before taking her present job at the WMU office in Birmingham, Ala., she had taught school in Colorado and Texas, directed student activities at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, Tex.; and been youth director at First Church, Amarillo, Tex.

For further information about the workshop, contact Becky Briscoe, WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Brogan —

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with National Baptists, is the one under which Brogan will serve in the status of missionary while president of the seminary.

William P. Davis, president emeritus of the seminary, will introduce Brogan for his inaugural response.

Steve McNeely, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, will deliver the benediction.

A reception follows in the church fellowship hall.

Brogan, a Laurel native, has been a staff member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board since 1971 when he became director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton and earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary in 1971.

## Volunteers Called 'Pioneers'

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Peacock of Eastman, Ga., said: "I have just retired after 43 years in the pastorate. Now that I have retired, I will be able to fulfill what I have always dreamed of doing; serving on the mission field."

Peacock retired recently from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Cadwell, Ga. He and his wife, Neva, will serve at Ft. Benton, Mont., where he will be pastor of an 11-member church. "I plan to do whatever needs to be done to get it on its feet and going," he said.

Another volunteer, Christine Reeves of Amory, Miss., said she applied to MSC after reading of its

"Royal Service" magazine and the "Mississippi Baptist Record."

This year, after 32 years of teaching — and being named Mississippi teacher of the year — she retired. "They decided I was too old to teach any more," she said. She will teach now at Baptist Memorial College in Miami, Fla., under MSC.

Mike Tabb of Pensacola, Fla., recently graduated from Samford University, will serve in the inner city of Baltimore for two years and then attend seminary. "I became convinced that God wanted me in inner city ministries," he said. "After I graduated, I spent four months wandering around trying to find a place to serve. I'm grateful that MSC offers me an opportunity to get involved in inner city ministries."

## FBC, Jackson Tops State CP Giving

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third place, and also above \$20,000, was Broadmoor Church, Jackson, with an increase of \$20,265 for the 2,976 resident members.

The other churches in the top 10 for the greatest amount of increased giving through the Cooperative Program were Van Winkle, Jackson, 1,424 resident members, \$18,844; First Church, Yazoo City, \$17,145; First Church, Hattiesburg, 1,286 resident members, \$15,890; First Church, Columbia, \$14,473; Woodlawn Church, Vic-

ksburg, 1,162 resident members, \$14,327; First Church, Columbus, \$12,591; and Fairview Church, Columbus, 963 resident members, \$10,011.

Three of the churches, it could be pointed out, were in all three categories. They are First Church, Columbus; First Church, Yazoo City; and First Church, Columbia.

Four of the churches were in two categories. They are First Church, Jackson; Broadmoor Church, Jackson; First Church, Grenada; and First Church, Hattiesburg.



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## Editorials

### "Good News Mississippi" . . .

## A Big Step Forward

"Good News Mississippi," a Bold Mission Thrust effort to provide a Christian witness to all of Mississippi through simultaneous revivals in April in Baptist churches all over the state, has taken a big step forward.

A steering committee meeting last week in Jackson was attended by 15 persons, and plans and commitments were made that should give assurance that a maximum number of revivals will be held.

The simultaneous revivals of "Good News Mississippi" will be held in churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention all over the state. In addition the several conventions of black churches in the state have been asked to encourage revivals in their churches at the same time so that an evangelistic witness can completely cover the state during the period of the revivals next April.

Presidents of five black conventions were present for the committee meeting. One of them, R. S. Porter of Columbia, president of the East Mississippi Baptist Convention, is co-

chairman of the steering committee along with Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The others were David Matthews of Indianola, president of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi; James Wilson, Tupelo, president of the General Progressive State Baptist Convention of Mississippi; Coleman Crawford, Memphis, president of the North Mississippi B. M. E. Convention; and H. L. McKnight, McComb, president of the Southeast Mississippi State Convention.

Others present included Roy Colm, director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Richard Brogan, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary; and Donald Johnson of the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board.

Dan Morton, pastor of First Church, Indianola, attended as an observer.

Witness training will get under way early in December. The presidents of the conventions will be asked to enlist 10 persons each to attend the training session Dec. 7 and 8 at Sophia Sutton

Assembly at Prentiss. These so enlisted will undergo 10 hours of witness training that will equip them to go all across the state training others in witnessing to the lost.

With this training, the results of "Good News Mississippi" will begin to be apparent. With the witness training will come practical involvement, and with the involvement of witnessing as a part of the training there will be conversions. Thus the results of "Good News Mississippi" will begin to be seen before the simultaneous revivals begin.

A rally at the City Auditorium in Jackson will kick off the revivals. This will be on the night of March 23. Two noted Dallas preachers will speak. They are W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Baptist Church.

An integrated choir will be under the direction of Larry Black of First Church, Jackson, and Calvin Thomas of Mt. Helm Church, Jackson, will present special music.

This very well may be the first time there has ever been contemplated such an effort as this. Southern Baptists are accustomed to simultaneous revivals within our own fellowship, and that is a part of what will be happening next April. No instance comes to mind, however, in which convention lines were crossed to urge other churches to participate in revivals at the same time. It is possible that almost every Baptist church in the state could be engaged in evangelistic services during the time period.

Material will be produced that will aid the churches in getting the word of the meetings throughout their communities. It will be a time for causing the good news of salvation to be carried into every nook and cranny of our state.

With such a possibility before us for the first time ever, we must not fail to seize the opportunity and take advantage of it to the greatest extent possible.

There is no rationalization for doing anything less.

### Guest Opinion . . .

## Get Out Of The Circle!

By William L. Clark  
Retired SBC Chaplain, Petal

No ministry is more conducive to Bold Mission Thrust than is the chaplaincy.

The chaplaincy is in the world where the people are, all kinds of people — in the market place, in the factory, in the hospital, in the prison and around the world in the military services. No church representative can penetrate secular society as can the chaplain. While the chaplaincy has great potential for Bold Mission, it is also fraught with hidden and subtle dangers.

The chaplain's employer, or supervisor, may or may not be a religious person. He may require only minimal religious coverage and that stripped of its distinctive spiritual aspects. Because of this, the chaplain may come to feel that he is only tolerated because of public pressure on the using agency to provide religious coverage. And the end result may be that the chaplain is tempted to water down his ministry to a sort of civil religion.

There is an interesting puzzle using a circle and an equilateral triangle. The idea is to join the two in such a way that the triangle touches the circle at only two points. Almost without exception one tries to solve the problem by placing the triangle inside the circle. However, the solution comes only when most of the triangle is drawn outside the circle.

In-House Style

Most every organization, over years of operation, tends to draw a circle around itself, developing its own in-house style — its own patent or hallmark for which it becomes very jealous, even though the style may be a money loser, ineffective, and meaningless. In a denomination, when bad habits become a fixed way of doing things, it may be considered unorthodox to scrap them.

But if an organization is going to succeed in its mission and meet the needs of the people of the present generation, even though it has come out of a great and honorable tradition, it sometimes has to get outside the circle — deviate from the normal routine and make a bold effort to break with ineffective tradition.

When God called him to deliver Israel from the enemy, Gideon did what any good general of that time would

have done — gather together all the man power he could muster. But God's perspective was eternal, not provincial. He had a better way and told Gideon to shake down his troops and make a bold effort to trust God's leadership. He did, and the mission succeeded.

I believe that Bold Mission Thrust was born out of a need to bolster sagging denominational programs which got that way because of our Baptist syndrome or mind-set. I believe that it is an attempt to get new wine skins, but we must also produce new wine.

If Southern Baptists are going to turn the idea of Bold Mission Thrust into an extension of God's kingdom, I believe that we will have to get out of our circle and boldly change our strategy — shake off our Baptist syndrome or mind-set, develop a new denominational mentality or way of thinking, and find new ways to encourage people to get out of the pews and into the highways and hedges. Lead them into the world where people need healing — God's healing — through faith in Jesus Christ.

So what does Bold Mission Thrust mean? It means anything from doing a little more of what we are now doing to an entirely new approach, from getting on the ball to a complete structural change in denominational programming. It is letting go and letting

God's power have its way in the hearts and minds of people.

So much for denominational Bold Mission Thrust. Let's get down to what constitutes Bold Mission Thrust for chaplains. Obviously we must get out of the circle, the circle which we have drawn around ourselves and the circle which we think the term chaplaincy demands.

Spiritual Awakening

I think there must be a spiritual awakening and renewal among chaplains and among all Southern Baptist agency and denominational leaders, and I hope that we can find some way to visually demonstrate this. It is the first bold step toward a truly Bold Mission Thrust. We must confess that our calling is of God, that our mission is to bring man to God and God to man, that our ministry is a healing ministry. God's healing, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Since the chaplain provides ministry on the periphery of the denomination, in an ecumenical environment where there are not many denominational reminders — deacons, WMU, local church traditions, denominational programs, literature, etc., he has influences and pressures which come to bear on him that tend to make him less denominational and more secular and free-lance in his ministry. He needs his denomination and his denomination

## The Missions Task, Open The Windows!

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

After his pastor had preached a sermon on the Christian's being a child of the king, one member asked, "Preacher, if my heavenly Father is so rich, why am I so poor?"

I remembered the words of God to Israel through Malachi when he said to his people . . . "I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it . . . I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes . . . neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:10-11).

These are very material kinds of blessings the Lord of hosts is promising his people. God even promised, "And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:12).

It just doesn't seem fair to me for the Lord to make these kinds of commitments to Israel when they were obedient and do less for Christians when they are obedient!

Then I remembered the words of Jesus, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Again Jesus said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20-21).

While I was talking with a Baptist deacon a few days ago, he observed, "As I look back over my life, I can see that my financial affairs really began to straighten out when I committed my substance to the Lord. When I began to give, my own financial base began to grow."

I would have to say from personal experience that the more I give away (in every relationship in life — as well as money) the more I have left for myself and my family.

I have come to the firm conclusion that God meant it when he said, "Bring ye all of the tithes . . . and I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing . . ." (Mal. 3:10).

Giving the tithe, and more, is the act of worship of God that unlocks to the obedient believing child of God the inexhaustible windows of heaven. One does not give to get. He gives obediently in love. But giving is the key that unlocks those heavenly windows.

People are poor for a variety of reasons. I have yet to meet a man who was at least a faithful tither who said he was poorer for what he gave to God. I have talked to a multitude who attribute their growing assets to the time in life when they obediently in love began to give faithfully and proportionately to God.

No man has any right to claim God's promised blessings who has not first committed himself and his substance to God. Open the windows: Try it — You'll like it!!

has a bona fide interest in him because he is an arm of the church — an ordained Southern Baptist minister who cannot provide a meaningful ministry as a chaplain without denominational relationship. Southern Baptists are depending upon their chaplains to provide spiritual ministry to people in the world within the "mainstream of Southern Baptist life, belief and practice."

A second bold step would be for the Chaplains' Commission, in cooperation with chaplains from the four categories, to establish new denominational guidelines for chaplains. This should be published, promoted, evaluated, and monitored by the Chaplains' Division.

There is nothing in the world that helps a Southern Baptist chaplain to remain a Southern Baptist as does a clearly stated charter backed by the support of his denomination.

Bold missions for chaplains, I submit, could be expressed in an intensive effort by the Home Mission Board to help chaplains provide a ministry which meets the needs of an ecumenical community and at the same time which honors the ordaining denomination. It would be a ministry provided by spiritually awakened and renewed chaplains reaching out to people in the world in the name of Christ, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

## Christian Lifestyles

By T. B. Maston

Is the lifestyle of most contemporary Christians different from their non-Christian friends and neighbors? Should it be? If so, how?

Surely we will all agree that Christians should be good neighbors to whom others will turn in times of need. I judge we will also agree that Christians should have, to an unusual degree, a concern for people — all kinds of people, but particularly for the suffering, the lonely, the needy, the underprivileged. It should be a part of a Christian's lifestyle to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, to visit the stranger, the sick, the imprisoned (Matt. 25:35-36).

Should there also be a distinctly Christian lifestyle in relation to things material? Surely we will agree that what we have belongs to the Lord and that we are stewards or trustees. But this conception of stewardship can be largely theoretical and not actually practiced. If we are not careful we tend to live like everything we have — car or cars, home, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. — belongs to us.

Some questions may help us determine whether or not we are serious about living a distinctly Christian life in relation to material things. Why should we want a big house in a prestigious suburban neighborhood if we do not really need it? Why should we own two or more cars if they are not needed? For many of us would not a distinctly Christian lifestyle mean a simpler lifestyle? The latter would enable many of us to save for possible personal and family needs in the future. It would also enable us to give more to our church and to the cause of Christ around the world. It would also



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Oak Tree Bears Apples?

George D. Schultz, Sr., who lives at 205 Colonial Drive, Jackson, and is a member of Alta Woods Church, has found out that "a good deed always returns."

About ten years ago Mr. Schultz had several nice oak trees growing around his place. Mrs. Rouchelle Meaders, a friend of his who is also a member of Alta Woods Church and who works in the Baptist Building, told him she wanted one of his oak trees, in the summer.

He tried to tell her it would not live, as it was the growing season and he could not get enough dirt in order not to disturb the roots. But no, she wanted it then. He dug it up and took it over to her house and planted it where she wanted him to plant it. He had cut the tap root off and she did not like that — said the tree would not grow.

"Well, I knew it would not live," he recalls now, "but I had another one here. That fall I planted it for her — she

would not let me cut the tap root off. Of course, when spring came the tree grew, because it had been dormant when it was planted."

He would ask her about it all along and she would say she was well satisfied with it, so he told her when it started bearing apples he wanted some of those apples. She said okay.

Years went by and Mr. Schultz forgot about the tree and his good deed. Recently he has been ill and was in the hospital for surgery. One Wednesday after he got home from the hospital he had just lain on the bed to relax when his wife came in and said, "Rouchelle is here to see you."

When he went into the other room, there stood Rouchelle with a bowl full of shiny red apples that she said were "off the oak tree."

He thought she deserved more than a simple thank you, so he wrote this account to show others that "a good deed returns."

## Book Reviews

**HOLY BIBLE, New International Version; Zondervan Bible Publishers, Grand Rapids, Mich.**

Here is the complete Bible from the same translation source as the New Testament, which was published in 1973. Actually, the translation by an international and transdenominational group began in 1967. The New Testament in the New International Version already has found wide favor. Bindings are both cloth and leather. The standard cloth edition is \$17.95, and the standard leather is \$47.95. The double column cloth is \$14.95, and the double column leather is \$44.95. The Children's Edition is in a durable binding material and is priced at \$7.95. The Worship Edition in cloth is also \$7.95, and the "handy-size" leather edition is \$37.95. The cloth editions are brown; and the leather editions are black.

**38 RECIPES FOR BULLETIN BOARDS AND ART PROJECTS THAT CHRISTIAN KIDS CAN MAKE** compiled by Jean Staffeld, Carol Ball, and Jo Anne Klemp (Concordia, 94 pp., \$3.95) The activities in this book are designed to be used in Sunday schools or vacation Bible schools for grades 1-5 by both children and teacher. There are 20 bulletin board ideas such as "The Widow's Mite, Jesus Loves All, I Am With You, etc. Three of the 18 art projects are entitled Noah's Ark, Baby Moses and Jesus Died for Me. This book is designed to help teachers make lessons more meaningful so children can learn and retain more of the Bible.

help us to contribute to the feeding of the hungry masses of the world.

We are living in a different age from the New Testament days, but can you imagine what a John the Baptist would say about the lifestyle of many of us in the contemporary period who claim to follow the Carpenter of Nazareth? Also, how can we justify the rather elaborate level of living of many of us when millions of people around the world are literally starving? Is it not possible that these hungry masses will increasingly refuse to hear the gospel we preach to them unless we show more concern for their physical and material needs?

Some may correctly contend that the important thing is not how much

we have but our attitude toward what we have. But will you agree with me that material-mindedness is one of the greatest contemporary threats to many children of God and to their agencies or institutions? Jesus recognized the danger of wealth of material things. Among other things, he plainly said that one cannot serve God and mammon — money (Matt. 6:24). He did not say, "One should not" but "One cannot." My personal judgment is that there are few things that would strengthen our Christian witness to the world more than for many of us to adopt a simpler lifestyle.

T. B. Maston, retired, served as professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.



### What Can You Buy with a Nickel?

There was a time when you could buy a quart of butter milk, a bottled soft drink, or a whopping lot of peanut brittle. Today you can pair it with a dime and make a phone call . . . if you're lucky.

Last year Mississippi Baptists gave a nickel a day to world missions through the Cooperative Program. If this is bold mission giving, then think how bold we are to spend \$10 for a ball game, \$100 for a vacation, or \$5,000 for a new car. Like it or not, we live in an affluent society. We make more, have more, and spend more than any generation in history. We also are giving more to mission causes than ever before; however, it is tarnished in light of how much we spend on ourselves.

—Guy Henderson, Consultant for Cooperative Program Promotion

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# Leeper Expelled From Turkey; Appeal Made To Envoy In U. S.

ANKARA, Turkey (BP) — James F. Leeper, an English-language pastor in Ankara for more than 12 years, has been forced to leave Turkey after being arrested following revocation of his residence permit.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, under whose auspices Leeper has worked in Turkey since 1966, has appealed the action to the Turkish ambassador to the United States, Melih Esenbel.

Leeper has gone to Germany pending outcome of the case, but his wife Jean and their four children, who have separate passports and residence permits, remain in Ankara. The expulsion order apparently does not apply to them, said J. D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia. The Leepers are the only

Southern Baptist representatives in the country.

Hughey explained that Leeper has been on tourist status much of the time he's been in Turkey and has had to leave the country periodically to retain his tourist classification. His last residence permit was granted in October 1977, retroactive to Aug. 2 of that year, but this permit was revoked in May 1978.

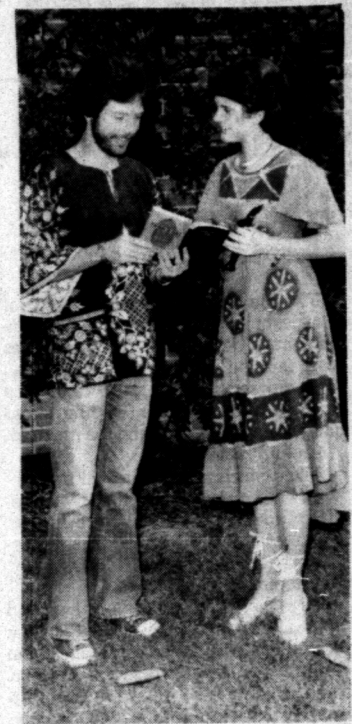
Leeper was asked to leave the country May 30, with no explanation of the action, Hughey said. The pastor returned as a tourist June 2 and again requested a residence permit, believing that lower officials were responsible for his expulsion and that it would not be upheld by the Turkish government.

He was arrested Sept. 22 and imprisoned for a brief time before being re-

leased and allowed to remain in Turkey until Sept. 29. His unspecified time in jail "was like sleeping on a park bench," Leeper said.

"We do not believe the expulsion of Mr. Leeper has the approval of the highest officials of your government," Hughey wrote Ambassador Esenbel. He later asked the ambassador to "bring this matter to the attention of the prime minister, who has revealed his commitment to freedom."

Hughey said that while in Germany, Leeper plans to apply for a Turkish visa and also make decisions about where he would work in case he is not allowed to re-enter Turkey. In Ankara, Leeper has served as pastor of Galatian Baptist Church, congregation composed primarily of U. S. military personnel.



A TOUCH OF KENYA — There's a touch of Africa visible on the University of Southern Mississippi campus this fall in the things Daryl Coats of Soso brought home from a summer spent as a Baptist Student Union missionary in Kenya. Most visible are his African shirt and the batik dress he brought for Vickie Vaughan. (USM PHOTO SERVICE)

## West Jackson Street Gives To World Hunger

A Baptist Women's program on World Hunger caused women at West Jackson Street Church in Tupelo, to decide to put their studying and praying into action.

Sunday, Sept. 24, was designated as "World Hunger Day" at West Jackson Street Church. All adults were asked to give the price of a regular Sunday dinner for their family and the youths were asked to give up cokes, potato chips, and other snacks for a week and give that amount.

As a result, \$600 was collected and has been sent to the Foreign Mission Board for hunger relief.

"We are praising the Lord for this response and know that it will give our missionaries added opportunities to witness as they distribute food purchased by this amount," states Billy Joe Hallmark, minister of education. "We know we can't solve the hunger problem, but does that mean we shouldn't try to do what we can? The Bible says, 'If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?'"

He added, "We are trying with the Lord's help, to find the best way to continue to keep this concern for others before our church."

**New Orleans (RNS) —** For the 24th consecutive year, Joseph H. Jackson was re-elected as president of the 6.5 million-member National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., at that body's 96th annual session, conducted in the Louisiana Superdome. Some 25,000 black clergy and their wives, along with a large number of lay delegates attended the five-day meeting.



## Crystal Springs Reception Will Honor Masons

First Church, Crystal Springs, plans to honor A. Estus Mason and Mrs. Mason at a reception on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The reception will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall. Friends and relatives of the Masons are invited to attend.

Mason is retiring from the active pastorate.

# Mason Will Retire At Crystal Springs

A. Estus Mason will retire Oct. 15 as pastor of First Church, Crystal Springs, after 24½ years of service to the church and community there.

Mason, his wife, the former Gertrude Burkhalter of Berne, Ind., and daughters Ruth Anne and Sara Nell, came to First Church, Crystal Springs, from Southside Church, Meridian, on April 15, 1954.

His ministry has been marked with a strong emphasis on missions. The church has gone forward in all areas during the almost quarter of a century he has been pastor.

Crystal Springs, First Church is one of the more than 30 churches over the state where the present pastor has served more than 20 years.

Mason has baptized 688 and with other additions the church's present membership is 1463. Finances have far exceeded those of any other period in the life of the church, with mission gifts for the past eight months amounting to more than \$50,000. A total of \$765,659 has been given for missions during his pastorate.

His ministry inherited a building and remodeling program which he has led to completion — a new auditorium, educational building annex, youth activities building and property purch-

ased, and a new pastorium dedicated in 1978. The present church property value is \$1,100,000 (exclusive of housing). The church has a library of over 4,000 volumes, due in large part to the efforts of Mrs. Mason.

The present budget is the largest ever — \$205,875, of which 24% of undesignated offerings is given to the Cooperative Program.

Mason has been very active in all phases of the Copiah Baptist Association, having served as moderator for a number of years. He has served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; also on its Executive Committee.

In 1968 he and his wife travelled to Johannesburg and Pietersburg, South Africa, on a preaching mission. In 1973 they toured the Holy Land.

Though he is closing his pastorate at First Church, he said that he plans under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to continue his ministry doing mission work and serving interim pastorates.

The Masons will continue to live in Crystal Springs.

**New York (RNS) —** A local ecumenical leader has reported that Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat plans to dedicate three chapels on Mount Sinai in November for the use of Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

# Gideons Haven't Changed Much During 80 Years Of Existence

MIAMI (RNS) — The Gideons stand in sharp contrast to today's rapidly shifting scene of diversified conglomerates and institutional changes.

Except for their name the Gideons haven't changed much since three travelling salesmen got together in Bosconet, Wis., 80 years ago and dedicated themselves to placing Bibles in hotels and Pullman cars as a way of sharing their faith with lonely men on the road.

Placing Bibles in hotels, on railroad cars, in YMCAs, on planes, in doctors' offices, on ships, in hospitals, in jails, in schools and other public places still is the sole objective of what began as the Christian Commercial Men's Association.

The organization still has no women, no Catholics, and no factory workers or clergy among its 59,000 members (38,000 of them in the United States) in 116 countries where they have distributed more than 200 million Bibles and

New Testaments in 46 languages.

The closest thing to something new in the Gideons' program is the three-year-old project of distributing New Testaments on college campuses, explained F. C. "Al" Aldridge, a Florida businessman who has been in the Nashville, Tenn., organization for 35 years, served as executive director for a time, and is a past international president.

The most likely change in the Gideons would be to open their ranks to Catholics, Mr. Aldridge speculated. "There are many fine, born again Catholic business and professional men today," he said.

There is a women's auxiliary to the Gideons and many events — like the convention — are family affairs so Mr. Aldridge sees little likelihood of any pressure to change the organization's constitution to include women.

He explained that there are practical reasons why only business and professional men, rather than clerks or factory workers, are allowed to be Gideons. "Only men who control their own time can do the work we do," he said, "because we have to carry it out during business hours."

Gideons are not likely to let any issue interfere with their primary goal of distributing Bibles, emphasized Mr. Aldridge who reported that the members contributed nearly \$500,000 in one night to pay for a million New Testaments to be printed and distributed in Korea next year.

**Rio De Janeiro, Brazil —** Samuel Mitt, a Brazilian pastor who has headed the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board for 15 years, has resigned to become a foreign missionary to Bolivia. Although Southern Baptists have 284 missionaries in Brazil, Baptists in this country have been sending out their own foreign missionaries since organizing a Brazilian foreign mission board in 1907.

# Wake Forest Requests Power To Elect Its Own Trustees

ASHEBORO, N. C. (BP) — Wake Forest University has requested charter changes which, if approved, would take away the North Carolina Baptist Convention's power to elect trustees or to remove them from office.

Under the plan, Wake Forest trustees would elect their own successors.

The Baptist school's proposal would provide that a majority of trustees be members of churches cooperating with the Baptist state convention but would permit out-of-state and possibly non-Baptists to serve. Now, all of the trustees are North Carolina Baptists.

The request to the convention's general board came from Wake Forest's president, James Ralph Scales, and trustee chairman, James Mason. Both said the proposed changed relationship would help remove tension between the school and the convention, which has cropped up over the years.

North Carolina Baptists' general board approved executive committee recommendation to refer the proposal to the state convention's Council on Christian Higher Education for study.

The general board further approved an executive committee suggestion that the Wake Forest proposal be reported to the 1978 annual sessions of the Baptist state convention in Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 13-15, to seek approval of the executive committee's

and general board's actions. If convention messengers approve the continuation of the study in November, final action on the proposal could be taken at the 1979 sessions of the Baptist state convention.

In presenting the recommendation for charter changes, Scales said that Wake Forest wishes to change from an agency to an affiliate status. While Scales and Mason both insisted that they were not asking to sever ties with the Baptist state convention, convention leaders said that according to the constitution and by-laws they interpreted the request as severance as an agency.

The convention in 1978 is providing 6.5 percent of its annual budget to Wake Forest, which amounts to about \$815,000 or four percent of the school's budget. Proposed expenditures in 1979 call for \$936,937 or 6.04 percent of the \$15,507,450 convention budget.

The school receives a matching grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation which is dependent on the relationship of the convention and Wake Forest.

Controversy has arisen periodically between Wake Forest and the convention, the latest a confrontation which developed after the college's trustees voted to accept, without restriction, a \$299,600 grant from the National Science Foundation contrary to a directive by messengers to the 1977 meeting of the Baptist state convention.

Convention voters rejected an \$85,000 portion of the grant designated for a greenhouse because erection of a building does not fulfill the North Carolina Baptist "services rendered" requirement for acceptance of government funds. North Carolina Baptists did not feel a building on their campus could return a service to the funding source and therefore violated separation of church and state.

Trustees of Wake Forest and convention officials eventually compromised. Wake Forest kept all of the \$299,600 but they agreed to a technical shifting of the controversial \$85,000 portion of the grant to extend the National Science Foundation's endowed three-year study to four years. The school agreed to replace the \$85,000 necessary to pay for the already con-

## Howard Spell Will Lead Drive Seeking \$400,000 For MC

Hoping to exceed previous contributions records, the Mississippi College annual giving program has named an emeritus faculty member as Chairman for 1978-79 and set a goal of \$400,000. Howard Spell of Clinton has been selected to lead the concerted giving effort, with J. Kelly Allgood of Jackson as director of the Annual Fund.

The Mississippi College Giving Program is the yearly drive for funds to support the current expenses of the College. Various sectors of the public,

including alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff, corporations, and foundations are encouraged to contribute to the total program of the College through their financial gifts. The fund-raising is coordinated by a Board of Directors Committee who are responsible for contacting specific groups of donors.

In addition to Allgood, Betty Coward, an assistant professor of home economics, will head the faculty fund; Mrs. Kathy Dawson of Clinton will lead the staff fund; B. M. Barksdale,

Jackson, will direct the investors fund; and Jack Medlin, Meridian, will be in charge of the parents fund.

An attempt will be made throughout the year to involve more alumni in the general support of Mississippi College. Already, some 243 alumni and friends have contributed to the fund, according to Bernard Blackwell, program coordinator. This figure indicates an increase over last year in the number of individual donors who contributed to Mississippi College.

# Student Helps Film Documentary In Kenya

By Alice McCardle

It's a long, long way from Soso, Mississippi to Nairobi, Kenya but the trip can be made. Daryl Coats, a University of Southern Mississippi junior English major, made it this summer as a Mississippi Baptist Student Union (BSU) missionary and found there's more to being a missionary than one might expect.

When the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Coats of Soso applied for a position as a summer missionary Kenya wasn't even on the list. He requested an assignment to Southeast Asia or to a western state. Having been interviewed and approved by a campus committee and passed on to the state selection committee in Jackson, he was pleased to learn that he had been selected but surprised to hear he was being asked to go to Africa.

Because of his academic and talent background (which included a minor in film) he had been selected as part of a team of five summer missionaries sent from Mississippi to the east-central African republic. Others sharing his experiences included Lou Ann Travis of Blue Mountain College, Kathy Staggs of the University of Mississippi and Ann Jones and Tom Martin of Mississippi College. Also working in Kenya was a group of four BSU missionaries from Louisiana.

The students had an unstructured summer working wherever they were needed and getting a full view of what missionary life was all about. One week was spent at a bush hospital cleaning out a drug stock room and taking inventory. It was here that Coats met a missionary doctor who changed his slant on what missions

means and made it even more vital for him.

Coats had already made a commitment to do church-related work but saw new openings and more needs than traditional missionaries serve. The doctor took care of medical needs and then went on to serve the total person by teaching better agricultural methods, proper diet, and other things to improve the lives of his patients. His life work, he said, was to minister to the entire man.

Coats said he met-people he would never have expected to be missionaries but who proved there were lots of ways you could help people. "You do not," Coats said, "have to go to Africa to do it, but sometimes it takes going there to see the obvious wants here."

Although he had traveled halfway around the world to reach his mission field, the people he worked with, he said, might have lived next door in the dorm. Below the surface, he found, every man has the same needs and the African people have a hunger for a better way of life.

Until recently English was the official language of Kenya and all the schools are still taught in English. This was convenient for the Mississippi students who visited a lot of schools there to present assembly programs, do puppet shows, teach classes or just visit with students to exchange information about Kenya and America.

One experience Coats found especially interesting was his work with an African film crew on a 20-minute documentary film entitled "The Thief." The students also worked with a television show for the national network "Voice of Kenya."

# Clara Pastor Visits Costa Rica Mission

By George And Mary Nell McNeese

(NOTE: George McNeese, pastor of First Church, Clara, and his wife, Mary Nell, went to Costa Rica in August to visit Bill and Linda Clark, missionary appointees to Chile who are now studying at the language school in San Jose. The McNeeses and Clarks were next-door neighbors when they were students at Southwestern Seminary. In the trip the McNeeses were seeking mission information and inspiration they could share with their church members in this time of Bold Mission emphasis.)

Arriving in San Jose, Costa Rica at 7 p.m. on August 21 was an exciting experience for us. We were a little nervous going through customs especially when the customs agent asked, "What is this?" We were bringing a suitcase and a half of food and other gifts.

In faltering high school-college Spanish, Mary Nell explained it was macaroni and cheese. The agent understood and, pleased to hear Spanish, waved us on through.

We began early the next morning meeting the wonderful Ticos (as the Costa Rican people call themselves). People on the buses, in banks, and restaurants took time to listen patiently to Mary Nell's Spanish.

For several days, we enjoyed fellowship with four missionary families in the seacoast town of Puntarenas. They were taking some vacation time between the 2nd and 3rd period of Spanish language study.

It was a special experience to see the closeness that has developed between the families as they have blended into a large mission family. Most of the missionary kids can make themselves understood as easily in Spanish as in English. These normal families willing to make some sacrifices are necessary in order to communicate the Gospel of Christ to the world.

Our most treasured memory is of the Sunday worship in the Spanish Church, Iglesia Bautista de Paso Ancho is a warm Spirit-filled body of believers in Jesus Christ.

We met first for an opening assembly filled with hymns and choruses of praise in Spanish. We separated into Sunday School classes. The men's

class George visited was led by a man who is confined to a wheelchair. He had obviously spent much time in preparation as he shared from commentaries and drawings he had made.

Even though George only knows about four words of Spanish, he felt the spirit of Christian brotherhood in that class.

The morning worship service took a great deal of concentration to follow since there is no regular order of service. This Sunday a new pulpit committee was elected to seek another national pastor, as their pastor has accepted the call to go to a Spanish-speaking church in Florida.

An offering was taken for the church's Building Fund since the present building is much too small for the growth the church is experiencing.

In the absence of a pastor, one of the deacons preached the morning sermon.

After the service, the Ticos surrounded us with friendly smiles and loving words. Mary Nell enjoyed meeting and talking to new friends and even though George didn't understand their language, he knew that they were glad their brother in Christ had come to Costa Rica.

## Escatawpa Pastor Retires After 27 Years

Escatawpa Church (Jackson County) honored its pastor, Ralph H. Young, on Wednesday night, Sept. 27, the occasion being that of his retirement from the pastorate.

A fellowship supper was given in Young's honor, followed by special music and a program entitled, "This Is Your Life." He has served the church 27 years.

The fellowship hall overflowed with the largest crowd ever to attend a fellowship meal at the church. A special table had been prepared for Young, his adopted son and wife, and the guests on program.

After the main program, many testimonies were given and gratitude expressed to Young for the work he has done in Escatawpa.

A check was given him, plus many other personal gifts. "It's just like Christmas," Young said.

He has served Escatawpa Church for a total of 27 years, three as music director and 24 as pastor.

Much has been accomplished during those years, including the building of two new church plants, the first being taken by the Highway Department to make way for Interstate 10.

As he retires from the pastorate, Young is entering a new phase of his life in which he will serve as a tour guide to the Holy Land. He is associated with Travel-Link Tours, International, which is soon to have an agent in the Escatawpa area.



Young



## In Names The News



Mrs. Doris Walker was presented a 10-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School at Sabougla Church on Oct. 1. Shown with her is R. M. England, Sunday School director, right; and Dan B. Wright, pastor, center. Sabougla Church is in Calhoun County.



George McNeese and Mrs. McNeese were given a reception by First Church, Clara, at the close of his first year as the church's pastor. Jerry Taylor, chairman of deacons, presented a money tree from the church members. Also personal words of love and appreciation were shared with the McNeeses.

Hilda (Mrs. Robert) Boteler has joined The Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, staff to conduct a full-time remedial and corrective reading program for Village boys and girls who attend public schools in nearby Clinton. The Children's Village has provided a remedial reading course of instruction during the summer months for many years, but the new effort structures, for the first time, on-campus, home support of public education on a full-time basis. Mrs. Boteler, a professional remedial reading teacher, with many years of training and experience in the public schools, is conducting both group instruction and private tutoring for boys and girls at all grade levels who have been carefully selected for assistance through professional testing procedures, administered in cooperation with the public schools. Much of the instruction is conducted in Hester Activities Building or in cottage life. Through special arrangement with the Clinton public schools, some of it is conducted during the regular school day.

Carla Sondermeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sondermeyer, of Meridian, worked at the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans for one month as a mini-summer missionary. Under the guidance of Richard Wilson, director of the mission, she taught Bible classes, participated in planning recreation and crafts and met and worked with people of all ages, races, religions. Her work was sponsored by First Church, Meridian.

Kermit King, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Training Department, underwent triple bypass heart surgery Oct. 5, at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

Reports indicate he is recovering. He can have visitors. He is in room No. 3050.



Mrs. Nola Granberry, right, was the first Mission Service Corps volunteer to go to work at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex. She is a retired teacher from Gulfport. She has been encouraged in her work there by Jimmy Hartfield, left, director of the Produce Development Division of the Publishing House, also a Mississippian. (A story about Mrs. Granberry appeared in the Sept. 28 Baptist Record.)

## Just For The Record

Oak Grove Church, Lexington, in Holmes County at Tolarville, celebrated its 34th homecoming day on Oct. 8. J. H. Burrell, of Indianola, pastor, preached at the 11 a.m. service, and a song service was held in the afternoon. Dinner was served at the church.

New Hope Church (Lawrence County) observed annual homecoming Sunday, Oct. 8. Hoyte Nelson brought the morning message. Lunch was served. The afternoon service was one of singing. Joe Butler is pastor.

Gooden Lake Church, Belzoni, will observe annual homecoming on Oct. 15. Buddy Hampton, a Louisiana pastor, will preach. The Sego Brothers and Naomi of Whitehaven, Tenn. will sing. Regular services will be held, and dinner will be served at the church. Bill Canoy is pastor.

First Church, Clara, in Wayne County, will hold homecoming day on Oct. 15. A covered dish dinner will be served in Gilbert Fellowship Hall. George McNeese is pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Holmes County, had homecoming Oct. 8. Walter Ballard, former pastor, preached. A picnic lunch was served.

Franklin Church at Flora will ordain two deacons on Sunday, Oct. 15. The new deacons are W. D. Teden and Wayne Cumberland. A fellowship dinner will be held at the church from 1 to 2, and the ordination service will begin at 2:30 p.m. Dean Perkins is the pastor.

Jayess (Lawrence) will observe homecoming on Oct. 15. Bobby Speights will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served in the church fellowship hall. Gospel singing will follow the noon meal, according to Mike Mitchell, pastor.

Homecoming for Sand Hill Church in Greene County has been set for Oct. 15. Lunch will be served at the church. Richard Smith, layman, Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Ala., will speak at the morning service. He is a native of Sand Hill, son of Mrs. W. Chap Smith and the late Mr. Smith. He is the purchasing agent for the Jefferson County school system.

Sand Hill Church was organized in 1872. Highlights of the past 106 years will be part of the morning service. During the past year a three-bedroom brick pastor's home has been built and dedicated debt-free along with concrete walks and driveway. This summer the church participated in Bold

## Missionary News

Mrs. R. A. Herrington, mother of Russell A. Herrington, missionary to Costa Rica, died Sept. 21. A native of Goodman, Miss., Herrington is currently in the States on furlough (address: 520 Magazine St., Tupelo, Miss. 38801). Mrs. Herrington is the former Annette Horton of Rome, Ga. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Kathy and John McNair, missionaries to Spain, may be addressed at Generalissimo 139, 1 Izqda, Madrid 16, Spain. They are natives of Mississippi. He is from Magee. The former Kathy Lee, she was born in Poplarville.



Mary Jo Stewart, a Mississippian, has joined the staff of Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., as editor, with the primary responsibility of editing *Resplendor*, a magazine in Spanish for young women. She moved to El Paso from Ecuador where she had served as missionary since 1972.

## Staff Changes

New Garden Church, Tate County, has called R. Curtis Reese as pastor. A graduate of Clarke College, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., and William Carey College, Reese is now a student at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis. He previously was pastor at Unity (Greene); Yokokano (Attala); and in Florida. He was converted in 1950; he was a charter member of Immanuel Church, Columbus, where he surrendered to preach. He and his wife, Gloria, have two children.



Reese

Charles E. Nestor is the new pastor at First Church, Bruce, and has moved there from the pastorate at First Church, Coldwater. He was associational moderator for Tate County Baptists.



Nestor

Sammy McDonald has accepted a call as minister of music at the Palestine Church in Simpson County. He is attending Hinds Junior College and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy McDonald, Sr. of Terry. Ray Mosley is the pastor. McDonald has served the Providence Church in Rankin County for the past year.



Jimmy D. Carr has accepted the pastorate of Puckett Church in Rankin County. He and his family moved from Holly Bluff. Carr attended Blue Mountain College, and has studied through Seminary Extension and at Luther Rice Seminary. He has been active in associational work. His wife, Elaine, has been active in WMU work, and is an art teacher. The Carrs have two children, Tommarah Lane and Jimmy. Their new address is Box 27, Puckett, Ms. 39151.

Ray McCorkle has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Quitman. A native of Houston, Miss., he is a graduate of Wood Junior College, William Carey College, and Southwestern Seminary. He moved to Quitman from Liberty Church, Winston County. Other pastorate have been in Chickasaw, Forrest, and Winston Counties in Mississippi and in Gradford, Tex. He and his wife Sandra (a Hattiesburg native) have one daughter, Kelli Kasandra.

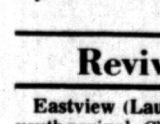
Gary Gibson has accepted the position as part-time minister of youth for First Church, Oxford. He is academic counselor for the Ole Miss Athletic Department. He and his wife Martha have two children, Joy and Jonathan. A native of Tennessee, he received a bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech and master's degree from

Florida State.

H. L. Davis, pastor of First Church, Orange Grove, has resigned and moved to Hattiesburg.

Henning Andrews has announced his retirement, and will soon be leaving McCool Church. He and Mrs. Andrews will be moving to their home in Houlika.

Charles Malone has assumed the position of minister of music, youth, and education at First Church, Flowood. He previously had been on the staff of Parkway Church, Pascagoula. Malone is a native of Jackson and grew up in Van Winkle Church. He attended Hinds Junior College at Raymond and Mississippi College. He also attended New Orleans Seminary. Marcus Alexander is pastor of First Church, Flowood.



Malone

## Revival Date

Eastview (Lauderdale): Oct. 19-22; youth revival; Charles Griffith of Russell Church, evangelist; Charles Davis of Mt. Gilead, leading the music; Towfig Batarseh, pastor.

## C.L.U.B.S.

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The club grew to more than 20 students. Then a member of the Buffalo Board of Education questioned their right to meet on school property under sponsorship of school employees. The school board's lawyer advised against allowing the clubs to meet.

"All these other clubs were meeting," said Cox's older brother, Mike. "We didn't think they (the school authorities) would mind at all." He and other students felt the decision was wrong and decided to appeal. "We prayed about it, and we thought it was something we should be involved in."

## Main Street, Hattiesburg '47-'48 Clarke Plans 75th Anniversary Students Will Have Reunion

The Main Street Baptist Church of Hattiesburg will celebrate its 75th anniversary Oct. 15. The day's activities will include Sunday School at 9:30, worship services at 11:00, dinner on the grounds at noon, a historical pageant at 6:30 p.m., and the musical, "Alleluia" at 7:30.

The historical pageant will be a review of the church presented by narrations and spotlighted pantomimes. The review will be a prologue featuring Dr. and Mrs. John E. Barnes, Jr., and their grandchildren.

The narrations, pantomimes, and music will depict, in those 75 years, the organization of the original church on Columbia Street, the first revival meeting in 1907, the membership march from Columbia Street to the new building on Main Street; the fire that destroyed the building in 1940, the "bond-burning day" in 1945, the Anderson Sisters trio, Pledge Day, the Gospel Hour Quartet, the outreach ministries, and the music ministry.

The epilogue will be a challenge given by Barnes to the members of Main Street to give dedicated, consecrated service to God now and in the future. The choir will conclude this historical review by singing the "Hallelujah" chorus.

From its beginning with seven members, the church has grown to a membership of 3,000.

There have been eight pastors of the church. Barnes is the only one living.

Mission Thrust by paying for a person to go to California with a church-building team.

The pastor is Claude H. Fortenberry.

In 1952, a \$370,000 educational building and chapel was completed, and in 1968 a \$925,000 building program was concluded, including a new auditorium with 1,600 seats.

The church has three radio broadcasts each Sunday and the 11 o'clock worship hour is televised on WDAM-TV.

Little faith will bring your souls to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your souls. — Charles H. Spurgeon



## 50 Years Service In First, McComb

First Church, McComb, recently honored M. T. Rhodes for 50 years of service in the Children's departments of Sunday School and 50 years singing in the church choir. Also Rhodes has served as choir director on numerous occasions.

Harold D. Fleming, minister of education, presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Sunday School. D. Neil Harris, minister of music, presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the choir.

Left to right above are Pastor J. B. Fowler, Fleming, Rhodes, and Harris. Rhodes is the father of Dot Pray, part time music consultant with the State Convention board.

# GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

## New Church Training Director - Pastor Conferences

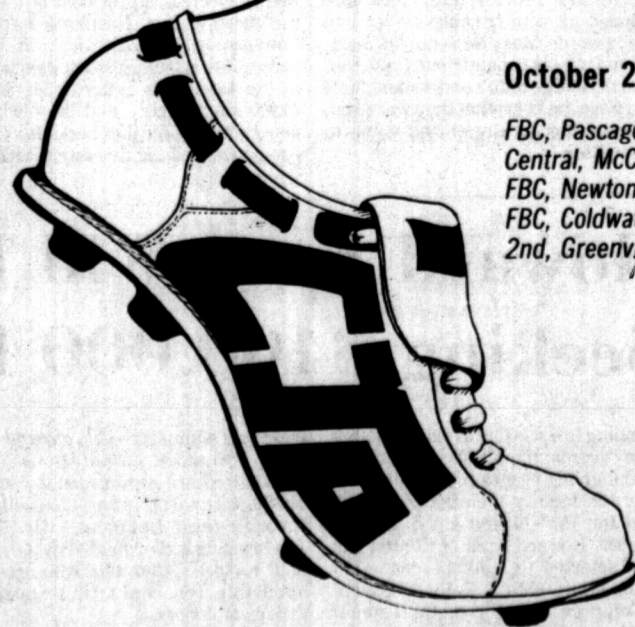
October 23

FBC, Pascagoula  
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October 24

FBC, Pearl  
FBC, West Point  
FBC, Tupelo  
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7:00 PM





## Waynesboro Doctor Is At Work In Thailand

W. W. Walley of Waynesboro, medical doctor, left Oct. 6 for Thailand where he will spend two weeks working in a Baptist hospital.

Dr. Walley is paying his own expenses and taking vacation time to work with Dr. Al Hood, missionary, at Bangkok, Chacheungsoo, Thailand. Previously he worked on similar volunteer missions in Bangladesh, India, and South America.

Deacons of First Church, Waynesboro, where Dr. Walley is a member, have adopted a resolution of appreciation concerning him. In part, it states: "Dr. W. M. Walley has been an inspiration to the young and an example for the old. . . he demonstrates re-

markable leadership abilities as a Sunday School teacher, a Church Training leader, Gideon, Boy Scout leader, Rotarian, Director of Universal Concern, writer and in the Chamber of Commerce.

"Dr. Walley devotes himself unselfishly to the cause of Christ, by practicing his religion on a full time basis. . . . He has been honored by being elected to the Committee on Boards by the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Each of us keenly appreciate his interest in the field of missions, and deeply appreciate his contribution of time, talents, gifts and service to our Lord, First Baptist Church and to the entire world."

## Heuck's Retreat Acteens Lead Ohio Bible Schools

The Heuck's Retreat Church of Lincoln Association has been involved recently in a bold mission project. Thirteen participated in Vacation Bible School and Backyard Bible Clubs in Cornersburg Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

This project was under the Acteens Activators program of the Home Mission Board. A commissioning service was conducted by the church. This was a combination commissioning recognition service for Acteens.

Those who took part were Joe Reynolds, Mrs. Joe Reynolds, Beth Griffin, Mary Sue Ward, Marjo Haley, Mary Joe Reynolds, Barbara Ward, Mrs. Jewell H. Smith, Jewell H. Smith; Rane Ratliff, Lucy Posey, Mandy Oberschmidt, and Angela Beeson.

The project was coordinated by Mrs. Jewell H. Smith, Acteens Director. W.M.U. Director for the church is Mrs. Cleve Terry; Brotherhood director is Joe Reynolds; pastor is Bud Swindall.

## Lauderdale Men Build Church At Donner Pass

By Leon Young,  
Director of Missions,  
Lauderdale County

"Time Magazine" in one of its articles last week called Interstate Highway 80 "the nation's main street." There is a section of it between Sacramento, California and Reno, Nevada that is well traveled.

The highway passes through a very historic area. Tourists are shown how it was when the first settlers made their way through Donner Pass. The tourism promoters have capitalized on how it was when the West was young.

There is a village named Gold Run that one can visit, and there is another village named Alta that is still a passenger stop on the Southern Pacific route from Denver. Alta is today at an exit off I-80 and there is a new church building erected by 12 men from seven churches in Lauderdale Association Mississippi. The building belongs to the Sierra First Baptist Church.

This little church has had a struggle getting a building. The congregation has worshipped in church buildings of other denominations in the area, in the school house at Alta, and most recently, at a Southern Baptist camp. Its highest attendance during the summer was 48, but it has promise of serving several communities spread up

and down the interstate highway. Your Director of Missions, who was in California for a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, met the 12 men from Mississippi at the Sacramento airport and accompanied them to Camp Alta where all of us worshipped with the congregation on Sunday, September 24. The church had made excellent preparation for the comfort and convenience of the men at Camp Alta, and also for the building of the building.

The church purchased the site in Alta which is across the road from its only store and post office and next door to the fire station. Timber was donated to land owners in Alta and four families, men and women, worked to fell the timber and saw it for use in constructing the church building.

When the men from our association arrived, the foundation had already been built and some of the framing put together. Much of the lumber had already been sawed to right lengths to facilitate easy construction. On Sunday the men pledged to hold a worship service in the building on Friday evening.

The building will not be completed, but the outside will have been erected and a roof put in place.

## Bonnets And Overalls Decorate Scene At Wade 75th Celebration

Wade Church near Pascagoula celebrated its 75th anniversary as a church on Sept. 24.

Everyone dressed as they did at the turn of the century. There were bonnets, long skirts, overalls, and bare feet to be seen everywhere. There was food, fellowship, and fun to be enjoyed. There was singing done in an old-fashioned way, a sermon on the old-time religion, and decisions made in

the same old way. After the singing in the afternoon there were testimonies by former pastors, former pastors' families, and members of the church. That night an old-time oil lamp service topped off the day.

July, 1903, a group of Baptist brethren who had been meeting for some time in periods of Bible study, saw a need to start a Baptist church, so they



### International Picnic



Fifty international students from Ole Miss attended an Old-Fashioned Southern Picnic at Grenada Lake, Sept. 23, through the joint ministry of First Church, Grenada, and the Ole Miss Baptist Student Union. The students took part in recreation in the afternoon provided by John Tucker, activities minister at First, Grenada. This was followed by a Southern fried chicken picnic. During and after the meal, members of First Church visited with the internationals.



In late afternoon, students and church members sat on a hillside overlooking the lake and watched an impromptu talent show with songs from around the world.

John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist, told the group, "Our scripture commands us to go into all the world to share the love of Jesus Christ, but you have come to us." The ministry to over 400 internationals at Ole Miss is led by BSU council member Vickie Beardain from Batesville.

## Mt. Pleasant's Westwood Sends Pastor On Preaching Mission

Westwood Church, Meridian is participating in Bold Mission Thrust by sending its pastor, W. Buford Usry, on a preaching mission to Greencastle, Ind., paying all of his expenses.

Greencastle Baptist Church is the only Southern Baptist work in a town that has a population of 10,000. The church has about 25 members and is sponsored by the Home Mission Board. William Boyette of Meridian is pastor.

Usry began preaching in a revival on Oct 8 at Greencastle.

Survivors include two sons; six daughters; 19 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. Her husband, R. L. Ellis, died 22 years ago.

Mrs. Ellis was faithful in church attendance until a year ago when she became disabled. She was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Gowan Ellis and her grandson, Bill McCreary, were in charge of the funeral service.

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## Clarke Library Gets \$5,000

The Clarke College library has received a gift of \$5,000 from Mrs. A. J. McIlwain of Jackson for the purchase of library/media equipment and supplies. In presenting the check to Clarke librarian Fleta Harris (left), Clarke president S. L. Harris (right) commented that this significant amount was in addition to a \$3,000 contribution made a few months earlier for the same purpose.

Mrs. McIlwain, a member of the Clarke Board of Trustees, has been a long-time supporter of the cause of Christian education and has given consistent encouragement to the ongoing program at Clarke College.

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## Clawson Will Give Concert In Natchez

Cynthia Clawson, singer, recording artist and songwriter, will be presented in concert at Parkway Church, Natchez, on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 7:15 p.m.

The daughter of a Southern Baptist preacher and wife of Ragan Courtney, musician, Cynthia has been the featured soloist at many Southern Baptist Convention meetings. She has recorded jingles and done other work for the Radio and Television Commission, SBC and has done numerous radio and television commercials.

She recently made several guest appearances on the Christian Broadcasting Network television show, the "700 Club." Other television accomplishments include her initial break into nationwide acclaim on the Carol Burnett Summer Replacement.

## First, Pearl To Celebrate 25th Year

First Church, Pearl, will celebrate the church's 25th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 22.

The event will take place at the church on 405 Bierdeman Road at Pearl, according to Stanley B. Barnett, pastor.

Former pastors will be guest speakers for morning and evening services. Lunch will be served at the church.

Providence, R. I. (RNS) — Sister Elizabeth Morancy, R.S.M., an inner city outreach worker here, won Democratic Party nomination to the Rhode Island House, defeating her party-endorsed opponent by a 2 to 1 margin. If elected in November, she will become the first Roman Catholic nun to serve in the state's General Assembly. Her opponent will be Donald Morrison, an Independent.

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**Wade Church near Pascagoula**

**met together and organized what is now known as the Wade Church.**

**M. E. Hulbert, first pastor, began services in both the Three Rivers School House and the Wade School House. This was done by holding service in the first one night and in the second another night. This continued until opposition arose from the Brethren Church and they were forced to start meeting in the home of H. C. Watson.**

**On the third Sunday in July, 1905, the church voted to merge with the Three Rivers Church. Land was given by H. C. Watson and the first building of the Wade Church was soon started.**

**The church has had 19 pastors. While P. D. Lott was pastor, the church had a need for a new parsonage. Mrs. Susie Carter gave land for the pastor's home.**

**On Sept. 27, 1906, a great storm prevailed over the coast, from Pensacola, Fla. to New Orleans, La.; it blew down the Wade Church. With God's help and determination, the people put the church back together by April of 1907.**

**The church has had four young men called out into the ministry of Christ. They are M. H. Waltman, Michael Shumock, Earnest Goff, and Sonny Sacan.**

**The church has grown from six charter members to a membership of 582, from an average weekly offering of \$3.61 to an average weekly offering of over \$2,000.**

**Under the leadership of Pastor Donnie Guy, the church had over 150 additions last year, 117 by baptism. It had an average attendance of 185 in Sunday School and 125 in Training Union.**

**"The reason for so many victories is due to the fact that we have averaged more than 100 in prayer meeting," said the pastor.**

**On September 3, the church voted to go into a \$250,000 building program.**



Dinner on the ground —



Bare feet at Children's Church —



# Barbara Burkett Finds A Home In Saskatoon

By Judy Touchton

ATLANTA (BP) — Barbara Burkett went into the Mission Service Corps partially to see if Southern Baptists were willing to "put their money where their mouth is."

Burkett, an outgoing, attractive freckle-faced, red head from Texas, verbalized her reasons for involvement in the Southern Baptist Convention's plan to put 5,000 short-term volunteers alongside 5,000 career missionaries at home and abroad by the year 1982.

"It used to scare me to think that I might be the second Miss Lottie (referring to Southern Baptist missionary Lottie Moon for whom the Foreign Mission Board's annual offering is named) ... and that I might starve in a foreign mission field, but then I realized I didn't have to worry," Ms. Burkett said during a visit to Atlanta.

"Mission Service Corps has given me the base of support to go and has given someone in SBC President Jimmy Allen's church in San Antonio the opportunity to extend their ministry without ever doing the mission field," the 28-year-old woman said.

Barbara arrived in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, on May 15. Two days before she was due to leave, she had no money to travel ... and none to show authorities at the Canadian border.

In fact, her visa was not due to arrive for another two weeks. She didn't know where her funding would come from ... she knew nothing about the future except that she was to go to Canada.

The summer before her last semester at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, Barbara took a six-week trip as a volunteer in Faith Baptist Church in Saskatoon, where Henry Blackaby serves as pastor.

During that summer visit, while walking down the street of Saskatoon one day, she felt like the Lord was telling her "This is it, Barbara."

"Saskatoon felt like home," she explained. But she didn't want her involvement there on a long-term basis to be determined by an "emotionally high summer."

"One of my friends told me 'if the Lord wants you here it will be an increasing growing feeling ... if not, it will fade away' and during my last semester in seminary the feeling grew," she said.

But the biggest factor in her decision to return to Saskatoon was that as she began the process of going "barriers absolutely fell down in front of me."

"I was going to Canada whether or not I got approved by Mission Service Corps, but it seemed to be God's vehicle for me to go," she said, her hazel eyes flashing.

Once in Saskatoon she began the job of working as minister of education at Faith Baptist Church and as an advisor to the faculty of Canadian Baptist Theological College.

"One of the things I was afraid of was my coming in as a Texan — and they've had a lot of Texans — and presuming to tell them everything ... I was pleasantly surprised when on my first Sunday there I shared that concern with a Sunday School class and one of the reserved Canadian women spoke up in her quiet way and said, 'Barbara, we just want you to be yourself.'"

"Then I relaxed and went ahead being my loud-mouthed self," she said, laughing about her outspokenness. "And from that and my few weeks there I've found that whatever reserve the Canadians have inherited from the British is undergirded by an incredible warm and sensitive spirit."

At first concerned about herself, Barbara has truly come to rely on faith. "I figured that if I had to miss a meal, at least I had no child or family to be concerned about. But every step of the way I've been able to look back over my shoulder and say, 'God's always provided for me ... and he's not going to drop me now!'"

Happiness does not depend upon what happens outside of you but on what happens inside of you; it is measured by the spirit in which you meet the problems of life.

## Small Church Sunday Schools Unite Wide-Spread Workers

By Jerilyn Wood

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Otha Winingham is the coordinator for the Southern Baptist fellowship in Minnesota-Wisconsin.

Nolan Johnston is the director of missions for the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans.

Curtis Griffis is the director of Christian Development at Middle River Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

And Wilson Theodore Miller is the pastor of West Gulfport Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss.

Four men from various states, cities and ministries. But they have a common bond — small church work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Small Church Sunday School Leadership Conference drew more than 240 laymen, educational directors, pastors and associational and state workers here for a week of fellowship and training.

The preceding week, more than 640 people gathered at the Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center for a similar conference.

"There are over 21,000 small churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, representing some of Southern Baptists' best growth and outreach," said Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

"During small church week, my goal was to provide encouragement and inspiration as well as instruction and practical help," said Wayne Etheridge, Bible study administration specialist and conference leader.

"Many small churches are struggling, due to limited finances, personnel or lack of opportunity. Through my conferences I hope they gain a vision of what their Sunday Schools could be and then some practical ways to achieve those strengths."

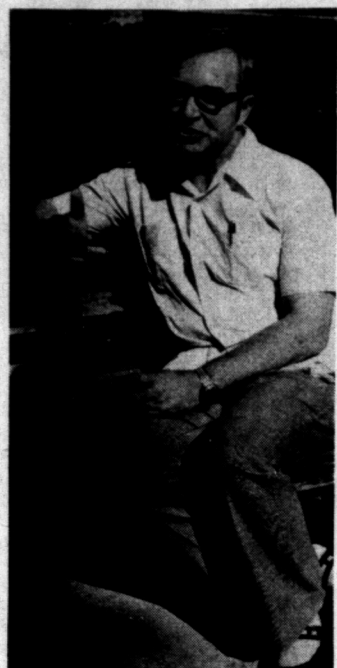
"The people who attend come from so many areas, cultures, and church responsibilities that we have to help them adapt Sunday School materials to meet their needs," he said.

The needs and responsibilities are varied.

**Minnesota-Wisconsin**  
Winningham, the conference pastor for the week, is the administrator of the total work in Minnesota and Wisconsin, a fellowship sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He is also the area director of missions for the Home Mission Board and oversees the work of the fellowship's four associations.

"In three years I have seen the work grow from 42 churches and chapels to 77 in an area that covers 140,000 square miles and 8 million people," Winingham said.

"Our 77 churches have congregations ranging from two to 250, with the average attendance less than 100. During this week, I have enjoyed the privilege of sharing with others here personally and from the pulpit my vision for Minnesota and Wisconsin and for Southern Baptists."



NOLAN JOHNSTON — director of missions for the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans.

New Orleans

Johnston works in the Metropolitan area of New Orleans, where there are 1.2 million people and 64 churches, 39 of which average less than 150 in Sunday School. Johnston was formerly on the staff of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

"Small churches are not just in rural and pioneer areas but also in large cities and the Bible Belt states," Johnston said.

"Next year our association hopes to start five new Bible study fellowships, preaching stations, or mission Sunday Schools as we try to meet the demanding needs of New Orleans."

New England

Griffis recently left his position in the New England fellowship as religious education director to go to Maryland. In the six states sponsored by the Maryland State Convention there are less than 80 Southern Baptist churches and chapels.

New England's future is in two critical areas," Griffis said. "First they

must intensify the program during the next five years for starting new work. Then they must train church members to become Southern Baptists."

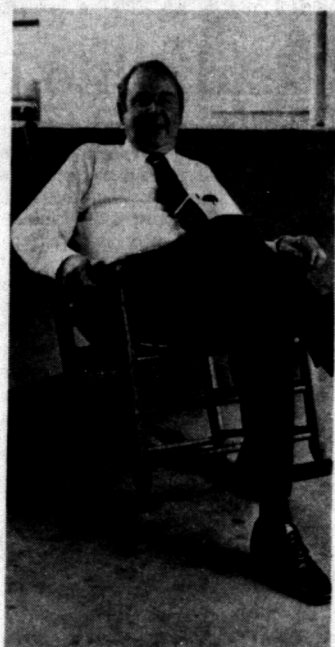
"The New England area is a highly-church region and new Christians usually have past experience in other denominations. We need to unit them and train and equip them so they can continue to grow," Griffis said.

Gulf Coast

For 22 years, Miller served as a bivocational pastor in Gulfport, Miss. In December of 1976, he resigned as a high school teacher to become the full time pastor of the church.

"I felt the Lord calling me to a pastorate at the age of 17 and have been a pastor for 49 years," Miller said. "When I came to Gulfport in 1954 I also started teaching school since my church was small and I wanted to educate my two sons."

"I enjoyed teaching, but was thrilled when I could resign and give all my time to my 125 members," he said.



WILSON THEODORE MILLER — pastor of West Gulfport Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss.

### Off The Record

Colonel: "You say you served with the Army in France?"

Cook: "Yes, sir. Officers' cook for two years and wounded twice."

Colonel: "You're lucky, man. It's a wonder they didn't kill you."

### Devotional

## Laws For Living — Relationships

By James W. Street, First, Wiggins

I John 4:7-21

Matthew 22:35-40

There is a law of life that cannot be avoided; it is the law of relationships. We all belong in a setting; we all have a framework within which we must operate. Our setting is the world of nature, in part, for it is out of the world of nature that humanity arises. Our setting is the world of human beings, in part, for it is in the world of humanity that we live and move.

Our setting is the beyond, in part or more than in part, for it is the beyond whom we call God our Creator who at last binds all the rest of it together and enables life to become a whole.

We are involved with other people whether we wish to be or not. We are all in the world together. God knows we are a long way from any widespread sense of neighborliness in our tragic world. It is strange how frequently Christians themselves really hoot at the practicability of him whom we call Lord, or how we squirm self-consciously when the law of relationships is mentioned specifically and seriously.

The law of relationship, in the organism that is the world of men, is operative whether we conform to it or not. We belong to one another.

What else do we do with the words of Jesus? All the other laws, he said, all the prophets, the whole business, hangs on this one two-faceted law about love of God and love of neighbor which go together. Men are made for each other. He said. A society holds together by the law of relationships or it is fragmented through violation of the law of relationships.

Once an irate woman said to her minister, "All you parsons talk about is love." If you feel that way, don't fuss at me, I have problems of my own with this love business. Fuss at God, it is His law, argue with Him.



Street

## Uniform Lesson

## Respect For Human Life

By Jackie C. Hamilton Highland, Meridian

Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26 I John 3:11-15

The interpretation of this word has been given by some as if it meant no living creature should be killed for any cause whatever. Albert Schweitzer gave that impression in his philosophy and practice in the healing ministry in which he was engaged in Africa. Likewise the Hindu reveres the cow as sacred and not to be destroyed if possible. From those notions come many aberrations of life and conduct. Pacifism rests strongly upon this word as foundational to their creed. The Hebrew mind and the Hebrew word carry another idea and, that is, man should not murder or deliberately take human life.

**I. The Sanctity Of Human Life (Exodus 20:13)**

The basis of this injunction must be seen in the light of creation; then God created man "in his own image and likeness" (Genesis 1:26). God gave life and He alone has the right to take away life. Man's worth is seen in the light of the eternal. When life is cheap it is a sign that the true moral and spiritual values of a person's worth have been disregarded.

This command definitely dealt with the killing of man deliberately as murder. Because of the Gospel of Jesus we are told that we must radically alter some of our points of view and practices concerning certain human actions.

This command would condemn murder. It would not necessarily condemn the taking away of life by the due process of law and trial when a murderer was caught. According to Deuteronomy 21, the elders, judges, and priests were given the authority to act in a cooperative manner in cases of murder and the trial of the murderer. They were the chosen representatives of the people in the community and as such they were charged with the right and duty to exercise their judgment. When a wrong was committed there was a social consciousness expressed by the chosen leaders.

The intentional killing of any person is forbidden, but the taking of a murderer's life is not forbidden. This is capital punishment and it has its place

according to Hebrew law. If war came, it was legitimate to defend one's home and country even to the point of taking the life of another. Homicide was also distinguished from willful murder. The person who kills under provocation or involuntary act is thereby protected and given fair trial. All murder is killing, but not all killing is murder. When the Cities of Refuge were set up on the Land of Promise (cf. NUM. 35) they were not for the murderer, but for

the man who unwittingly killed and, therefore, needed sanctuary and protection until he could be given a fair trial. In man's cooperative capacity there could be situations whereby the taking of life was justified as not murder, either in war or by capital punishment.

**II. The Spirit Of Murder (Matthew 5:21-26)**

The application of our Lord to the commandment is found in the Sermon

on the Mount. Here in its context of ethical stress the moral instruction was given for the disciple. Killing or murder in its principle of the Mosaic law is now related to a man's attitudes before his actions. The spirit and motive of a man's thinking toward his brother man is the important factor.

In this passage there is reference to three kinds of punishment. "The judgment" represents the judges in a town. "The council" was the Sanhedrin. This body denounced heresy and punished by death by stoning. "Hell fire" was the analogy of the fire of



## Life and Work Lesson

## Invitation To Joy

By Bill Duncan Long Beach, First Luke 14:1-24

Have you ever heard of the double invitation which was an oriental custom practiced by upper circles in Jerusalem? The custom was to give an early general invitation and then a later bidding invitation.

Jesus used the custom to illustrate the misplaced values of pride over humility. The distorted values were in direct opposition to Kingdom values.

A Pharisee had Jesus in his home as an honored guest. Among the guests was a man with dropsy. Knowing that the Pharisees were watching Him to trap Him in a dilemma, He turned the tables on His critics. "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" He asked the experts of the law. They could not answer Him because either way would have created problems. Therefore Jesus simply healed the man and sent him on his way.

Later Jesus condemned their attitudes toward men with regard to their law of the Sabbath. Their laws of the Sabbath had to come before human kindness. God intended the Sabbath as a blessing and not a burden. Of course, they did not say a word, but their attitudes spoke louder than words.

A Wedding Feast

The first parable of this lesson is about a wedding feast. Everyone at the feast wanted the seats of highest hon-

or. Because of humility, they should have sought the lowest seats. This has a practical application. It would be far better to be invited to move up than to experience the shame and embarrassment of moving down. The spiritual point of the passage is "whoever exalts himself shall be brought low. Whoever humbles himself shall be exalted." Self-seekers are an abomination to both God and man.

As Jesus looked over the guests, he noticed it included only the Pharisee's friends, relatives and rich neighbors (v. 12). It was obvious that he had invited them with a view of receiving like invitations from them in return. This was selfish hospitality. He expected to get back the cost of the meal in invitations to dine elsewhere.

True hospitality should invite poor unfortunates from whom he could expect no return. Jesus implied that this would be a change from the boredom suffered by the "Jet-set party goers" where there is no joy. Beyond the sense of satisfaction which comes from an unselfish deed, there would be the far greater spiritual reward in heaven at the resurrection of the just.

At that point, a man at the table glibly spoke of the great joy which would come when the Kingdom of God would come and people would be able to eat the Bread of heaven. That pious soul may have thought he would be present.

Among the rabbis, a banquet was a common figure for the joy of heaven.

Many Invited

Jesus cooled his zeal as he spoke a parable to him. A certain man gave a great supper, and invited many guests. It was implied that they all accepted the invitation. The custom was to invite the guests in advance and, when the meal was ready, to send a servant to tell them to come to the feast. When the servants did so, the invited ones all made excuses as to why they could not come. One had bought land and had to go see about it. One had purchased five yoke of oxen and had to go and try them out. One had married and did not want to leave his bride. On the surface, all the excuses were flimsy.

They had agreed to come, but now they had other interests. They did not want to attend regardless of the expense and trouble the host had been put to in order to prepare the meal.

Naturally, the host was angry. So he sent his servants out into the streets to invite the poor, maimed, halt and blind — the unfortunates. When there was still room, the host sent the servants again with urgent orders that the banquet hall must be filled.

The reason for the supper in the first place is to satisfy their hunger. The hunger of man is for beauty, love, feeling of importance, security and, the most intense, is for God. Jesus said

the valley of Hinnom (the place outside the city for filth, refuse, garbage, and burial), which became the symbol of hell as a state of torment. The constant fire of the valley pointed to the reality of remorse and a judgment of God within the conscience of man, the reality being greater than any symbol. To be "angry" or to say of another "Raca" or "fool" is to commit murder. This is not killing a body but killing a character. Any anger or contempt which destroys the character of another is a violation of the commandment.

Are there any other ways in which murder is committed? Some would point to the endangering of lives through dangerous employment within factories, mines, air exploration, immoral atmosphere and surroundings, and also the slaughter on the highways through careless driving of automobiles. One of the darkest aspects to our modern life is the casual



finding God is like sitting down to a great supper. The supper means more than only eating. It means being with those you love. It means laughter, joy, and fellowship. It means satisfying not only the body, but also the heart.

The Sad Note

The sad note is that those who were privileged to have a priority invitation had excuses that kept them from entering the joy. The excuses were not reasons. The supper or feast was held at night and two of the three could not see what was given as an excuse. The excuse exposed that there was no hunger.

Though true fellowship with God is food for our souls, it does not interest those who have satisfied themselves with other things. The Pharisees were so involved in their system of religion and their pursuit of wealthy glory that they were not interested in the Kingdom as proclaimed by Jesus and His disciples.

The others did not accept the invitation because they were hungry. When warm fellowship and food were offered, these others gladly came. If you are still hungry in your heart, be glad. Too many people can be satisfied with going to a show, with things that money can buy, or with a little applause from the crowd. As long as your heart is still hungry, there is hope that you can give God a chance. Many people have been so enriched by Christ that they would rather give up anything they have rather than to lose Him.